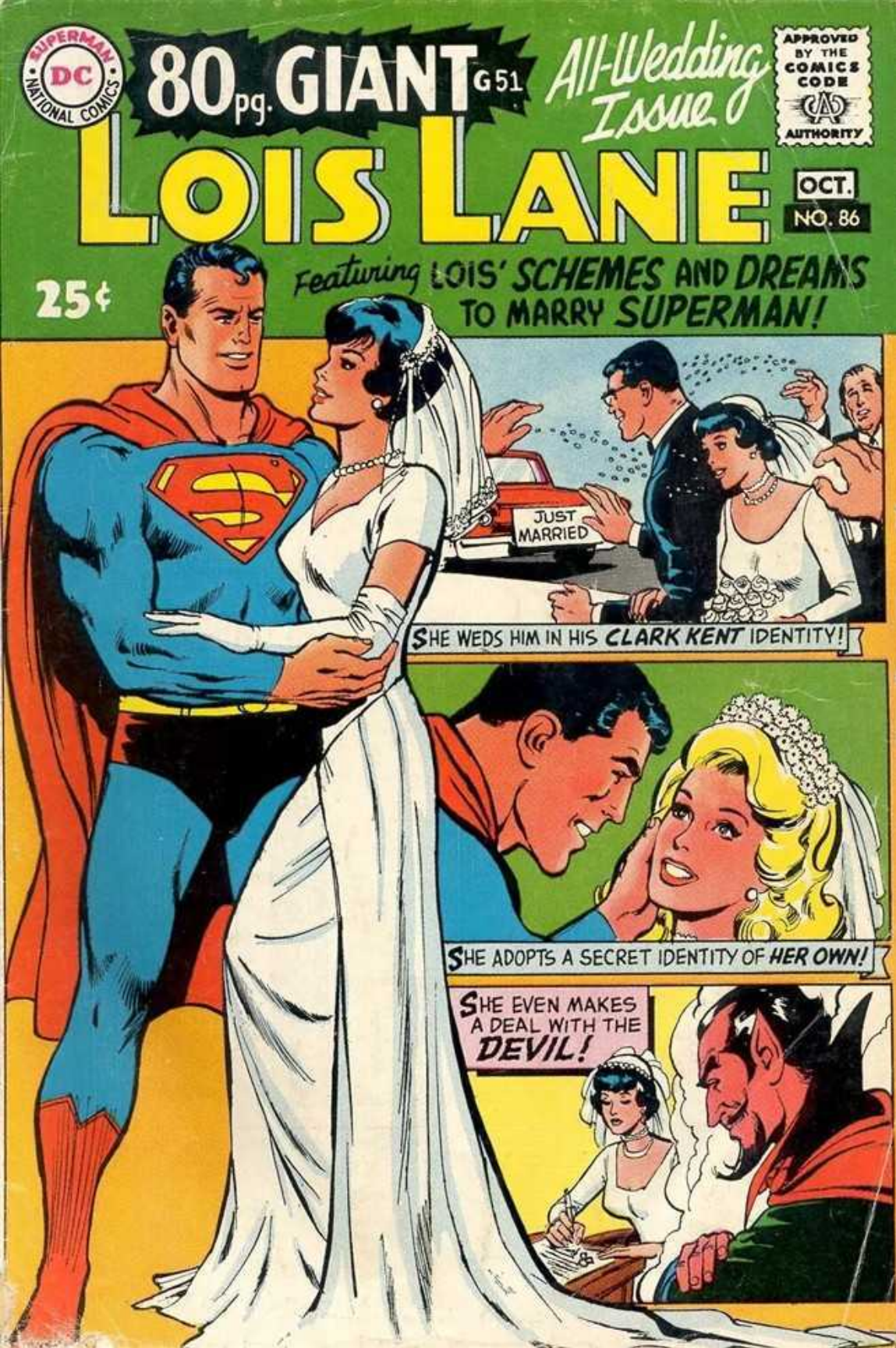
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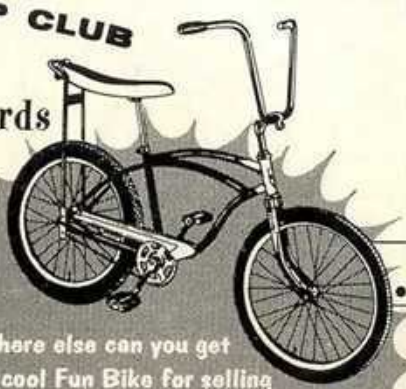

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Lois Lane's WEDDING DAY!

:CHOKE!: MY WEDDING DAY! THIS SHOULD BE THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE... AND I'M BROKEN-HEARTED! :SOB!: OH, SUPERMAN! HOW I WISH YOU WERE AT MY SIDE AT THIS MOMENT! HOW I WISH YOU WERE MY BRIDEGROOM INSTEAD OF CLARK KENT!

DOESN'T SHE MAKE A LOVELY BRIDE? LOOK! SHE'S SO HAPPY SHE'S WEEPING TEARS OF JOY!

ONE EVENING IN METROPOLIS, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE BEGINS AN UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT...

I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT THIS SWEETHEARTS' CLUB IS JUST A CRUEL SCHEME TO VICTIMIZE LONELY PEOPLE!... I'LL JOIN THE CLUB DISGUISED AS A PLAIN-JANE LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND, AND EXPOSE THE RACKET!

SOON, IN THE CLUB'S OFFICE...

$200 IS A LITTLE STEEP, BUT IT MAY BE WORTH IT!

OUR REGISTRATION FEE IS $200, MISS, BUT I GUARANTEE YOU'LL FIND YOUR DREAM-MAN HERE AT THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB!

WANTED FOR SWINDLING

I RECOGNIZE HIS FACE! HE'S MATT BORSLEY, A CONFIDENCE MAN WITH A MILE-LONG RECORD!

YOU'VE MADE A WISE INVESTMENT, MISS! HERE ARE PICTURES OF SOME OF OUR TYPICAL MEMBERS! YOU'LL FIND THEM INSIDE AT THE GET-AQUAINTED DANCE!
OH, MY! AREN'T THEY HANDSOME!
WOW! I WOULDN'T MIND MEETING THESE HANDSOME SPECIMENS AT THAT!

BUT SOON, IN THE DANCE STUDIO, AS LOIS MEETS HER FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS...
DANCE? WHO, ME? ER... NO! THANK YOU, MISS! BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW!
I... I'M SORRY, I'LL TRY SOMEONE ELSE!
WHERE ARE ALL THOSE HANDSOME ROMEOS BORSLEY PROMISED? I PAID $200 AND ALL I GET TO MEET ARE THESE WALL-FLOWER TYPES!

JUST THEN, ON A NEARBY STAGE...
ATTENTION, CLUB MEMBERS! WE'RE HAVING A BIG CELEBRATION NEXT WEEK... A PUBLIC WEDDING OF THE FIRST COUPLE TO MEET AND FALL IN LOVE HERE AT THE CLUB! AND AS A GIFT, I'M GIVING THEM $5,000 AND A FREE TRIP TO HONEYMOON FALLS!
WOW! WHAT A WEDDING PRESENT! MAYBE THIS BORSLEY IS ON THE SQUARE AFTER ALL!

IMAGINE THAT! A $5,000 WEDDING GIFT AND A HONEY-MOON TRIP! AND THEY MET HERE AT THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB! I'M GOING TO GET ALL MY FRIENDS TO JOIN!
ISN'T IT THRILLING? THERE'S A CHANCE FOR EVERY ONE OF US!
I GET IT! THAT BIG WEDDING GIFT IS JUST A COME-ON TO DRAW IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN NEW REGISTRATION FEES! BORSLEY WILL CLEAN UP!

WHILE BORSLEY'S UP THERE FINISHING HIS SPIEL, I'LL DUCK INTO HIS OFFICE AND SEE WHAT EVIDENCE I CAN FIND TO HELP ME EXPOSE THIS CONFIDENCE GAME!
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PRESENTLY...
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT! THOSE PICTURES OF THE SO-CALLED CLUB MEMBERS WERE FROM A MODEL AGENCY! I'LL USE THIS TINY LIPSTICK CAMERA TO GATHER MY EVIDENCE!
CLICK CLICK
PREMIER MODEL AGENCY

BUT AS LOIS COMPLETES HER RISKY TASK...
OH-OH! HERE COMES BORSLEY! I'M TRAPPED! I'D BETTER DUCK OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND THIS SPARE DESK!

THEN, AS BORSLEY PICKS UP THE PHONE...
ATLAS ACTING AGENCY? THIS IS BORSLEY AT THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB! YEAH! WE'RE ALL SET! I WANT TWO ACTORS TO FAKE THE BRIDE AND GROOM BIT NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON! AND I'LL WANT SOMEBODY TO DO THE PREACHER ROUTINE, TOO!
ULP! ACTORS! THEN THAT PUBLIC WEDDING IS JUST ONE BIG SWINDLE... A TRICK TO FOOL THE UNSUSPECTING CLUB MEMBERS!

MOMENTS LATER, AS BORSLEY LEAVES...
DEFRAUDING ALL THOSE POOR, HELPLESS PEOPLE! HOW MEAN CAN YOU GET? BUT I THINK I KNOW HOW TO FIX BORSLEY'S WAGON!

THE NEXT MORNING, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET, LOIS LANE REVEALS HER PLAN TO EDITOR PERRY WHITE AND CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT...
...NOW MY PLAN IS FOR CLARK AND MYSELF TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THOSE HIRED ACTORS AND GET MARRIED AT THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB!
NOW, LOIS! LET'S THINK THIS THING OVER! YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU! BUT MARRIAGE... AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE...

DON'T BE SILLY, CLARK! THE PREACHER IS A PHONEY AND THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY WILL BE A FAKE! WE'LL GO THROUGH THE ACT JUST TO SMOKE OUT THAT CROOK BORSLEY AND SPIKE HIS PHONEY SCHEME!
SOUNDS RISKY TO ME, LOIS, BUT IF YOU THINK YOU CAN PUT IT OVER, GO AHEAD!

PRESENTLY, AS LOIS PLACES A CALL...
HELLO, ATLAS AGENCY? THIS IS THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB! CANCEL THAT BRIDE AND GROOM COUPLE FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON! JUST SEND THE ACTOR WHO WILL DO THE FAKE PREACHER ROUTINE!

A WEEK LATER, OUTSIDE THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB...

WE'RE ALL SET FOR THAT FAKE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, PERRY! WE EVEN TOOK OUT THIS MARRIAGE LICENSE IN THE NAME OF GERTRUDE GURTZ AND MYRON HINKLE!

ONCE BORSLEY AND HIS PHONEY PREACHER PERFORM THAT SHAM WEDDING, DETECTIVE CASEY THERE WILL SNAP HANDCUFFS ON THEM BOTH!

PRESENTLY, INSIDE THE CLUB OFFICE...

MR. BORSLEY, I'M GERTRUDE GURTZ, AND THIS IS MYRON HINKLE! THE ATLAS AGENCY SENT US DOWN FOR THAT BRIDE AND GROOM ACT! THEY SAID THE PREACHER WILL BE ALONG IN A MINUTE!

ULP! I RECOGNIZE THOSE TWO! THEY'RE PLANET REPORTERS! THEY MUST BE WORKING ON AN EXPOSE OF MY RACKET! I'D BETTER THINK FAST!

SO YOU'RE FROM ATLAS, EH? ER...THAT'S JUST FINE! NOW ER...JUST WAIT HERE WHILE I SETTLE SOME FINAL DETAILS!

SOON, AS THE "BRIDE AND GROOM" ARE USHERED INTO THE HALL...

AND NOW GET READY FOR THE CEREMONY, FOLKS! HERE COMES THE LUCKY PRIZE-WINNING COUPLE NOW!

I HATE TO TRICK THOSE POOR, LONELY PEOPLE LIKE THIS, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN EXPOSE THE SCOUNDREL THAT'S DEFRAUDING THEM!

AS THE CEREMONY ENDS...

ER...I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE! YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE!

POOR CLARK! HOW MY KISS MAKES HIM TREMBLE! EVEN THIS FAKE CEREMONY SCARED HIM OUT OF HIS WITS!

THEN, AN INSTANT LATER...

AND NOW, MR. BORSLEY, IF YOU AND THE PREACHER WILL STEP BEHIND THE CURTAIN...THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET!

WHY, CERTAINLY!

IT'S THE FINISH FOR BORSLEY! PERRY WHITE AND DETECTIVE CASEY ARE WAITING FOR HIM BACK THERE!

BUT BACKSTAGE, LOIS GETS A RUDE SHOCK...

HOLD IT, MISS LANE, I CAN'T ARREST THIS PREACHER! HE'S THE REVEREND BARTELL! I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR YEARS! HE'S A REAL PREACHER!

WHAT?

CHUCKLE! WHEN I DISCOVERED LOIS LANE WAS SPYING ON ME, I PROTECTED MYSELF BY HIRING A REAL MINISTER!

IF A REAL PREACHER PERFORMED THE CEREMONY, THEN I'M NOT LOIS LANE ANY LONGER... I'M MRS. CLARK KENT! GULP! BUT THIS IS TERRIBLE! TERRIBLE!
LOIS LANE? CLARK KENT? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
LET ME EXPLAIN! THESE TWO AREN'T IN LOVE! THEY'RE REPORTERS WHO WORK FOR ME! I WON'T LET THEM GO THROUGH WITH THIS FARCE!
WHITE! THIS MARRIAGE IS REAL! IF YOUR MEDDLING REPORTERS BACK OUT OF THAT HONEYMOON DEAL NOW, I'LL SUE YOU FOR A MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSPIRING TO RUIN THE REPUTATION OF THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB! UNDERSTAND?
THE PUBLICITY WILL MAKE ME A FORTUNE!
A MILLION-DOLLAR SUIT WOULD WRECK THE DAILY PLANET! LOIS, YOU GOT US INTO THIS... YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO FACE THE MUSIC AND GO THROUGH WITH THAT HONEYMOON!
ULP!
TRAPPED, LOIS TRIES DESPERATELY TO GET OUT OF THE JAM, BUT...
BUT I'LL NEED CLOTHES TO GO ON A TRIP AND... ER... WHAT ABOUT THAT $5,000 HONEYMOON GIFT?
I ORDERED A COMPLETE WARDROBE PACKED FOR BOTH OF YOU! YOU GET THAT MONEY AS SOON AS THE HONEYMOON IS OVER! HERE'S YOUR RAILROAD TICKET! CHUCKLE! BETTER HURRY! YOUR PUBLIC IS WAITING!
PRESENTLY...
HERE COMES THE BRIDE... WEEPING FOR HAPPINESS! GIVE ME ANOTHER HANDFUL OF RICE, MATILDA!
CHOKE! WHAT BITTER IRONY! MY WEDDING DAY... AND HERE I AM MARRIED TO THE WRONG MAN! GULP! IT'S SUPERMAN I ALWAYS HOPED TO MARRY! I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO END THIS RIDICULOUS MARRIAGE!
JUST MARRIED
AS THE LIMOUSINE STARTS FOR THE HONEYMOON TRAIN...
CLARK! I ALWAYS LIKED YOU, BUT OUR MARRIAGE WOULD BE HOPELESS! I'D NEVER MAKE A GOOD WIFE! YOU SEE, IT'S SUPERMAN I LOVE!
WHAT DEVOTION! I NEVER REALIZED HOW DEEPLY SHE CARES FOR ME AS SUPERMAN! SIGH! PERHAPS FATE MEANT US TO BE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THIS STRANGE WAY AFTER ALL! I'LL MAKE THE BEST OF IT!
DRY YOUR TEARS, MY LOVE! NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE I HAVE A VITAL SECRET TO TELL YOU! CLARK KENT IS ONLY MY SECRET IDENTITY! ACTUALLY, I'M SUPERMAN!
YOU, SUPERMAN! OH, CLARK, THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKES! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
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AS THE HONEYMOON TRIP BEGINS...
HSSST! SO YOU SAY YOU'RE SUPERMAN, EH? LET'S SEE YOU USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS! FOR INSTANCE, WHY NOT CARRY THIS TRAIN DOWN THE TRACK AT SUPER-SPEED?
GULP! BUT LOIS, BE REASONABLE! SOME OF THE PEOPLE ON THIS TRAIN MAY BE WATCHING US! IF I PERFORM A SPECTACULAR FEAT, MY SECRET IDENTITY WILL BE REVEALED TO THE WORLD!
OKAY! HERE'S A TEST YOU CAN PERFORM WITHOUT REVEALING YOUR IDENTITY! CHUCKLE! IF YOU'RE REALLY SUPERMAN, USE YOUR TELESCOPIC VISION TO FIND OUT THE NAME OF THE NEXT TOWN WE'RE COMING TO!
I'LL DO MORE THAN THAT! I'LL EVEN COUNT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WAITING ON THE TRAIN PLATFORM!
BUT UNKNOWN TO CLARK, THE TRAIN IS ROUNDING A CURVE TO CIRCLE A MOUNTAIN OF LEAD ORE... THE ONLY SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN BLOCK HIS TELESCOPIC VISION!
ACME LEAD MINING CO.
GASP! SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE BLOCKING MY TELESCOPIC VISION! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
IT'S ALL VERY SIMPLE, CLARK! SINCE YOU'RE NOT SUPERMAN, YOU HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS! HA! HA!
SHORTLY, AS THE TRAIN PAUSES NEAR AN INDIAN RESERVATION...
THE TRAIN STOPPED FOR A LITTLE WHILE TO PERMIT THE PASSENGERS TO BUY SOME OF THESE INDIAN SOUVENIRS! THOSE NATIVES ARE QUITE SKILLFUL!
NEVER MIND THOSE INDIANS! LET'S GET AWAY FROM THESE PASSENGERS. I WANT TO PROVE TO YOU I AM SUPERMAN!
SO WE'RE STILL ON THAT SUPERMAN KICK, EH? OKAY, MAN OF STEEL! CHUCKLE! NO ONE'S LOOKING! LET'S SEE YOU USE YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH TO SQUEEZE THIS LUMP OF COAL INTO A DIAMOND!
A SPLENDID IDEA, LOIS, DEAR! THAT DIAMOND WILL BE A PRECIOUS SOUVENIR OF OUR HONEYMOON!

BUT TO CLARK'S AMAZEMENT...
I DON'T GET IT! I COMPRESSED THAT COAL WITH ALL MY STRENGTH, BUT IT STILL DIDN'T CHANGE INTO A DIAMOND! AND NOT ONLY THAT... SUDDENLY I FEEL WEAK...
HA! HA! OH, CLARK, YOU'RE A SCREAM! THAT'S THE FUNNIEST ACT I'VE SEEN IN YEARS!
POOR CLARK! HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THE SOUVENIR WEAPONS ON SALE NEARBY ARE TIPPED WITH KRYPTONITE ROCK FROM A METEOR THE INDIANS FOUND IN THE DESERT!
;GULP!: ALL OF A SUDDEN I FEEL WEAK AND HELPLESS! LOIS, WILL YOU HELP ME BACK TO THE TRAIN? THERE MUST...BE...KRYPTONITE... NEARBY...
KRYPTONITE, MY FOOT! YOU PROBABLY DRAINED YOUR PUNY STRENGTH BY TRYING TO PROVE YOU'RE SUPERMAN! HA!
BUT CLARK IS STUBBORN, AND AS THE TRAIN HALTS AT ANOTHER STOP...
THE TRAIN IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, FOLKS, SO WE'RE STOPPING HERE TO LET YOU WATCH THIS MOVIE COMPANY ON LOCATION!
LOOK, CLARK! IT'S VINCE VIGORO, THE HOLLYWOOD STAR! HE'S MAKING A NEW PICTURE ABOUT HERCULES!
ISN'T HE MAGNIFICENT! JUST LOOK AT THOSE MOUNDS OF MUSCLE! HE REMINDS ME OF SUPERMAN!
SPEAKING OF SUPERMAN... WOULD YOU PLEASE STEP THIS WAY, LOIS? THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU!
MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS A HIDDEN CANYON AND SOME GIANT BOULDERS... A PERFECT PLACE TO PROVE TO HER I'M SUPERMAN!
PRESENTLY, TO LOIS'S DELIGHTED AMAZEMENT...
NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE, I CAN DEMONSTRATE MY SUPER-STRENGTH FOR YOU, LOIS! LOOK!
THOSE GIANT BOULDERS! YOU'RE LIFTING THEM ON YOUR FINGERTIPS AS IF THEY WERE LIGHT AS FEATHERS! OH, CLARK! THEN YOU REALLY ARE SUPERMAN! ;GASP!: HOW WONDERFUL! HOW THRILLING!
BUT BITTER DISILLUSIONMENT FOLLOWS AS...
AND TO THINK I'M MARRIED TO SUPERMAN!...OH-OH! CLARK! LOOK THERE!
YOU LOVE BIRDS WILL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, MR. VIGORO SENT ME TO PICK UP THESE PAPIER MACHE ROCKS FOR HIS NEXT SCENE!
ULP!
PROP DEPT.

GIANT BOULDERS, HA! NO WONDER YOU LIFTED THEM SO EASILY! THEY WERE MADE OF CARDBOARD! DON'T YOU EVER GIVE UP TRYING, CLARK?
BUT, LOIS!
¡CHOKE!: SHE WON'T LISTEN! I'LL NEVER CONVINCE HER THAT THOSE BOULDERS I PICKED UP WERE THE REAL THINGS!

BUT LATER, IN THE TRAIN...
I'VE TRIED EVERY WAY I KNOW TO PROVE MY IDENTITY TO LOIS! BUT THERE'S ONE THING THAT MIGHT CONVINCE HER... MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS THAT THERE'S A TUNNEL UP AHEAD! THAT'S JUST THE PLACE TO PLAY MY LAST CARD!

AS THE TRAIN PLUNGES INTO DARKNESS...
I'LL GRAB HER AND KISS HER LIKE THIS! AS SUPERMAN, I ONCE GAVE HER A SUPER-KISS! THIS REPEAT PERFORMANCE SHOULD PROVE WHO I REALLY AM!
MMMMMM!

BUT AS THE TRAIN EMERGES INTO DAYLIGHT...
¡GROAN!: WHAT'S THE USE? NOT EVEN A SUPER-KISS COULD PERSUADE HER!
YOU CAD! HOW DARE YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME LIKE THAT WHEN YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT REALLY MARRIED!
BAFF!

LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE! THE CONTENTS OF MY PURSE ARE SPILLED ALL OVER THE FLOOR! YOU MIGHT TRY TO BE A GENTLEMAN AND HELP ME PICK THEM UP!
OF COURSE, LOIS, DEAR!
¡CHOKE!: IT'S HOPELESS! I GUESS WE JUST WEREN'T FATED TO BE MARRIED!

LOIS, IT WAS A MISTAKE TRYING TO CONVINCE YOU I WAS SUPERMAN! THIS MARRIAGE WASN'T MEANT TO BE! BUT HOW CAN WE GET OUT OF IT?
CLARK! HOLD EVERYTHING! I'VE GOT THE ANSWER HERE... ON THIS PAPER THAT FELL OUT OF MY PURSE WHEN I SWATTED YOU!
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IT'S THE MARRIAGE LICENSE WE TOOK OUT UNDER THE FAKE NAMES OF GERTRUDE GURTZ AND MYRON HINKLE! SINCE THOSE NAMES WERE PHONEY, SO IS OUR MARRIAGE! WE'RE NOT MAN AND WIFE!
WHEW!! WHAT A RELIEF!
I SUPPOSE IT'S FOR THE BEST, BUT DOES SHE HAVE TO BE SO HAPPY?
MARRIAGE CERTI
Gertrude Gurtz
Myron Hinkle
THE NEXT DAY, AS LOIS AND CLARK RETURN TO THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...
SO THAT MARRIAGE WASN'T LEGAL, EH? CONGRATULATIONS! NOW HERE'S SOME MORE GOOD NEWS! AS SOON AS YOU LEFT THE SWEETHEARTS' CLUB, THE ACTOR WHOM BORSLEY HAD HIRED TO BE A FAKE PREACHER SHOWED UP!
HE AGREED TO TESTIFY AGAINST BORSLEY! WE'VE GOT THEM BOTH IN JAIL!
WHAT A WHACKY STORY! BUT THE FUNNIEST PART OF IT WAS WHEN CLARK KENT TRIED TO PROVE TO YOU THAT HE WAS SUPERMAN! HAW! HAW!
HE SURE WAS STUBBORN, PERRY! HE DIDN'T STOP TRYING UNTIL I BASHED HIM WITH MY PURSE!
HMM! WAIT! I JUST NOTICED SOMETHING!
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STRANGE! I SLAMMED CLARK SO HARD WITH THIS PURSE THAT I BENT THE HEAVY METAL FRAME! YET THERE'S NO MARK ON HIS FACE NOT EVEN A SCRATCH! HMM... CAN CLARK BE INVULNERABLE? CAN HE REALLY BE SUPERMAN? I WONDER!
POOR LOIS! FOR YEARS SHE'S WONDERED ABOUT SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY! NOW, WHEN FATE GAVE HER THE CHANCE TO KNOW THE TRUTH... SHE MUFFED IT!
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LOIS LANE

AN IMAGINARY STORY

THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST OF OUR SERIES CONCERNING THE IMAGINARY MARRIAGE OF SUPERMAN AND LOIS LANE (WHICH MAY ACTUALLY NEVER HAPPEN, BUT THEN AGAIN MAY)! ONCE AGAIN, MRS. LOIS KENT LEARNS THAT BEING SECRETLY MARRIED TO A HUSBAND OF STEEL IS NOT THE PERFECT PARADISE SHE HAD EXPECTED IT TO BE! AND WHO IS THE LATEST THORN TO UPSET LOIS' WEDDED BLISS? IT'S NONE OTHER THAN HER LONG-TIME RIVAL, LANA LANG! WE PREDICT YOU'LL LAUGH, YOU'LL CRY, AND YOUR HEART WILL BE TOUCHED BY THE EVENTS WHICH OCCUR WHEN LOIS LANE BECOMES...

THE WIFE OF SUPERMAN!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING ME GET THIS SCOOP, SUPERMAN! YOU'RE SUCH A DEAR!
GLAD TO HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE, LANA!
GREAT! WHILE I STAY AT HOME, MINDING BABIES, CLEANING HOUSE, LANA LANG STEALS MY JOB, AND NOW SHE'S AFTER MY HUSBAND! THIS IS WAR!!!

ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, IN A DESERTED PICNIC AREA NEAR METROPOLIS, ON AN IMAGINARY DAY WHICH MAY, OR MAY NOT, EVER HAPPEN, MR. AND MRS. CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT AND THEIR YOUNG SUPER-TWINS FINISH EATING...
DON'T PLAY TOO WILD, KIDS!

BUT AS THE TWINS SUPER-FROLIC...
UH-OH! MY SUPER-VISION SHOWS SOME DISTANT CARS APPROACHING, LOIS! IF THEIR OCCUPANTS SEE LARRY AND CAROLE PERFORMING SUPER FEATS...
THEY'LL GUESS YOUR REAL IDENTITY IS... SUPERMAN! WELL, I'LL USE MY CONTROL-WATCH!

SWIFTLY, LOIS PRESSES THE "OFF"-BUTTON ON HER CONTROL-WATCH, AND IN RESPONSE...
ME CAN'T LIFT BIG ROCK NO MORE, MOMMY! WAHHHHH!
DON'T CRY! I'LL PRESS THE "ON"-BUTTON LATER, WHEN IT'S SAFE TO RESTORE YOUR SUPER-POWERS!

WE MUST DO THIS! THE TWINS' BELTS CONTAIN INFINITESIMAL GREEN KRYPTONITE GRANULES... POWERFUL ENOUGH TO CANCEL THE KIDS' SUPER-POWERS WHEN LOIS OR I USE OUR CONTROL-WATCHES! THE GRANULES AREN'T LARGE ENOUGH TO HARM THEM!

THE "ON" AND "OFF" BUTTONS ON OUR WATCHES ELECTRONICALLY CAUSE A LEAD-SHIELD TO COVER, OR UNCOVER, THE KRYPTONITE GRANULES, THUS REGULATING THE CHILDREN'S USE OF THEIR SUPER-POWERS!

THIS PRECAUTION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE I HAVEN'T YET FIGURED OUT A WAY TO GIVE LOIS PERMANENT SUPER-POWERS! LIKE ALL CHILDREN, LARRY AND CAROLE INHERITED THE DOMINANT CHARACTERISTICS OF THEIR PARENTS... IN THEIR CASE, THE DOMINANT TRAITS WERE MY SUPER-POWERS!

SINCE LOIS DOESN'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS YET, NO ONE MUST FIND OUT SHE IS THE WIFE OF SUPERMAN! IF THE UNDERWORLD FOUND IT OUT NOW, THEY'D REVENGE THEMSELVES ON ME BY HARMING HER!

NEXT MORNING, LOIS DRIVES CLARK TO THE RAILROAD STATION OF PLEASANT OAKS, A PLEASANT SUBURBAN TOWN NEAR METROPOLIS, WHERE THE KENTS LIVE...
QUIET DOWN, KIDS!
HMM... IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE CONTROL-WATCHES, THOSE TWO LITTLE SUPER-WILDCATS WOULD HAVE RIPPED THIS CAR TO SHREDS LONG AGO!

BUT..
DRAT! WE MISSED THE TRAIN!
OH, SO YOU MISSED IT, TOO! WELL, IF YOU'RE GOING TO DRIVE IN TO METROPOLIS, HOW ABOUT GIVING ME A LIFT, CLARK?
SURE, AL! HOP IN!

AND SO...
IF THIS NEIGHBOR OF OURS HADN'T COME ALONG I'D HAVE SECRETLY CHANGED TO SUPERMAN AND FLOWN TO METROPOLIS IN SECONDS! BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO GO THE SLOW WAY, TO PROTECT MY SECRET IDENTITY!

LATER, AFTER LOIS DROPS CLARK OFF AT THE DAILY PLANET..
CHILDREN, DADDY LEFT HIS BRIEF-CASE IN THE CAR! NOW PLEASE BEHAVE WHILE WE RETURN IT TO HIM!

PRESENTLY...
WHY... LANA LANG! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN THE PLANET OFFICE?
PERRY HIRED ME YESTERDAY, LOIS! MANY GIRL REPORTERS HAVE WORKED HERE SINCE YOU QUIT YOUR JOB TO MARRY CLARK YEARS AGO...

... BUT NONE OF THEM AMOUNTED TO MUCH! HOWEVER, I'LL TOP YOUR CAREER AS A LADY NEWSHAWK, OR BUST!
LOTS OF LUCK, LANA DARLING!
I'M NOT SAYING WHAT KIND!

SHORTLY, EN ROUTE BACK TO PLEASANT OAKS...
HM-MM! SO LANA'S OUT TO "TOP" ME, EH? WHAT A LAUGH! SHE'LL SOON FIND OUT THAT BEING A GREAT REPORTER REQUIRES MORE THAN JUST A WIDE-EYED, INNOCENT STARE AND A FOXY LITTLE BRAIN...
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RETURNING HOME, LOIS TRIES TO FORGET HER JEALOUSY PANGS IN HER HOUSE-WORK. THEN TURNS ON TV...
...OUR ROVING TV CAMERA IS FOCUSED ON THE STRANGE VEHICLE THAT JUST BORED UP INTO A BUSY STREET IN METROPOLIS!
GASP! THAT RUNNING GIRL IS... LANA!
MOLE-MEN HAVE EMERGED FROM THE "SHIP"! THEY'RE ABOUT TO RAY-GUN A GIRL REPORTER! BUT HERE COMES... SUPERMAN!! HE'S PROTECTING HER WITH HIS INVULNERABLE BODY!
SUPERMAN IS RESCUING LANA, JUST LIKE HE USED TO SAVE ME WHEN I WAS A REPORTER!
SUPERMAN IS HURLING THE MOLE-MEN BACK INTO THEIR SHIP!
LOOK AT LANA, WATCHING WITH A DREAMY, WORSHIPFUL SMILE! HMM... IF SHE HADN'T RUN INTO DANGER, LIKE AN IDIOT, SUPERMAN WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO RESCUE HER!
ON A METROPOLIS STREET...
AND NOW SUPERMAN IS RAMMING THE INVASION-SHIP BACK INTO THE GROUND! HA, HA! I'LL BET THOSE MOLE-MEN WON'T DARE RETURN AGAIN WHEN THEY KNOW THERE'S A SUPERMAN ON EARTH TO PROTECT US!
MOBILE TV STUDIO
AND IN LOIS' LIVING ROOM...
THANKS A MILLION FOR RESCUING ME, SUPERMAN! WHAT A TERRIFIC STORY THIS WILL MAKE! I THINK I'LL GIVE YOU A GREAT, BIG KISS!
JUST LOOK AT HER, PLAYING UP TO HIM! AND INSTEAD OF FLYING OFF, HE'S JUST STANDING THERE AND SMILING!
DOESN'T HE SEE THROUGH THAT SCHEMING HUSSY? SHE'S SO TRANSPARENT! HOW OBVIOUS CAN YOU GET?!... OO-OOO, I COULD CROWN SUPERMAN WITH A KRYPTONITE METEOR FOR JUST STANDING THERE AND LETTING HER GUSH!
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UNOBSERVED BY LOIS, HER OUTFLUNG ARM, STRIKING A METAL LAMP, HAS CAUSED THE CONTROL-WATCH'S "ON" BUTTON TO BE ACTIVATED...

BUT THEN, AS SHE HEARS YOUTHFUL WHOOPS OF GLEE FROM UPSTAIRS...
OH-OH! THOSE LITTLE IMPS SOUND LIKE THEY'RE U: TO SOME MISCHIEF! I'D BETTER FIND OUT!... I GAVE THEM SEVERAL PACKAGES OF BUBBLE-GUM TO KEEP THEM BUSY...
AND AS LOIS ENTERS THE CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM...
AWRKKK!... THEY'RE BLOWING G-GIANT CHEWING GUM BUBBLES! I MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY RETURNED THEIR SUPER-POWERS! OH, NO! THE BUBBLES ARE POPPING AGAINST ME!!
POP!
PLURP!
DESPERATELY, LOIS PRESSES HER WATCH'S "OFF" BUTTON, AND IMMEDIATELY THE TWINS LOSE THEIR MIGHTY POWERS...
J-JUST LOOK AT ME! I'M A STICKY MESS!
WE LOVE YOU ANY-WAY, MOMMY...
...EVEN IF YOU DO LOOK... GIGGLE! ...AWFUL!
THUS IT HAPPENS THAT WHEN CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT RETURNS TO HIS PLEASANT OAKS LOVE-NEST, ALL IS NOT SWEETNESS-AND-LIGHT...
HI, HONEY! HERE'S TODAY'S PLEASANT OAKS PRESS!
UH-HUH... AND WHERE, DARLING, IS THE DAILY PLANET YOU USUALLY BRING HOME? HM-MMM??
I'LL JUST RUN NEXT DOOR FOR A COPY OF TODAY'S PLANET, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
I...ER... THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO READ THE LOCAL NEWS-PAPER FOR A CHANGE. THEY'VE STARTED RUNNING A HILARIOUS NEW COMIC STRIP CALLED NUTSY MONKEY!
SHORTLY, AS LOIS RETURNS...
NUTSY MONKEY, MY EYE!... YOU JUST DIDN'T WANT ME TO SEE THIS, YOU...YOU SUPER-ROMEO!
I WAS AFRAID YOU'D MISUNDERSTAND, LOIS! YOU KNOW I LOVE ONLY YOU! YOU BELIEVE THAT, DON'T YOU, HONEY?
PLANET
SUPERMAN SAVES REPORTER LANA LANG FROM MOLE-MEN INVADERS!

OF COURSE I DO! BUT WHEN I THINK OF YOU WORKING ALL DAY LONG NEAR THAT SUPERMAN-HUNTING FEMALE, WHO KEEPS SCHEMING HOW TO TRAP YOU INTO MARRIAGE... NOT KNOWING YOU'RE ALREADY MARRIED... --- I COULD BLOW MY TOP!
IT'S YOU I LOVE, SWEETHEART... ONLY YOU...

BUT NEXT DAY, AS LOIS SHOPS IN METROPOLIS...
THANK YOU FOR FLYING MY STALLED CAR TO A GARAGE, SUPERMAN! YOU'RE ALWAYS SO HELPFUL!
IS DEPARTMENT STORE
THAT DOES IT! I REFUSE TO BE JUST HOUSEHOLD DRUDGE ANY LONGER!

SOON, AT THE PLANET, IN THE OFFICE OF EDITOR PERRY WHITE...
THAT'S RIGHT, PERRY! I WANT MY OLD JOB BACK, NOW!
SORRY, LOIS, BUT IF I HIRED YOU, I'D HAVE TO FIRE LANA, WHO IS DOING A GREAT JOB, AND THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR, WOULD IT? BESIDES...

..A MARRIED WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOME! BUT IF YOU WANT TO WORK BECAUSE THE FAMILY NEEDS THE MONEY, DON'T WORRY! CLARK WILL SOON GET A RAISE... IF LANA DOESN'T KEEP SCOOPING HIM! HAPPY NOW?
HAPPY?? I COULD SCREAM!!

NEXT, LOIS CALLS ON THE EDITOR OF THE PLANET'S RIVAL NEWSPAPER, THE CHRONICLE...
THESE OLD CLIPPINGS OF YOUR PAST SCOOPS DON'T IMPRESS ME, MRS. KENT. IT'S NOT THAT I CONSIDER YOU A HAS-BEEN, YOU UNDERSTAND... IT'S JUST THAT HERE AT THE CHRONICLE WE HAVE A POLICY OF NEVER HIRING MARRIED WOMEN!

IF YOUR KIDS CAUGHT THE MEASLES, YOU'D QUIT US TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AT HOME! AND YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO MEET THE DEADLINES! SORRY!
I CAN'T REVEAL MY CHILDREN ARE INVULNERABLE TO ILLNESS WITHOUT GIVING AWAY OUR BIG SECRET! OH, WHAT'S THE USE...!

TO FORGET HER PROBLEMS, LOIS KENT JOINS THE LOCAL GARDEN CLUB...
... AND WHOEVER DEVELOPS THE MOST UNIQUE NEW TYPE OF TULIP WILL WIN OUR ANUAL CONTEST!
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AS LOIS PUTTERS IN HER GARDEN...
LANA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN PLEASANT OAKS?
PERRY ASSIGNED ME TO DO A STORY ON THIS UP-AND-COMING COMMUNITY. WHERE ARE THOSE DARLING TWINS OF YOURS CLARK IS ALWAYS RAVING ABOUT?

REGULARLY, THEREAFTER, LANA DROPS IN EACH AFTERNOON...
GOODY-- IT'S AUNTIE LANA!
ICE-CREAM! HOORAY FOR AUNTIE LANA! I LOVE HER!
WHAT'S WITH THIS "AUNTIE LANA" BIT? THEY'RE GROWING MORE ATTACHED TO HER THAN TO ME!

ONE EVENING...
CLARK, THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TALK TO YOU ABOUT!
NAMELY, THAT INTERFERING LANA!
LET ME ERASE THAT WORRIED EXPRESSION WITH A KISS! NO, WAIT! THE PHONE'S RINGING...
R-R-RING RING!

AND AS CLARK ANSWERS THE TELEPHONE...
IT'S LANA, LOIS! SHE'S IN A TOUGH SPOT. SHE LOST HER NOTES ON AN IMPORTANT STORY, HER DEADLINE'S NEAR, AND SHE NEEDS MY HELP! I'LL BE BACK SOON...
AGAIN... LANA!

AND AS THE DOOR CLOSES BEHIND CLARK, LOIS EXPLODES...
LANA THIS, LANA THAT!
LANA STEALS MY CAREER! LANA STEALS THE LOVE OF MY BABIES!
LANA CHASES AFTER SUPERMAN, WHO IS SECRETLY MY HUSBAND, CLARK!
LANA HOUNDS CLARK WHO IS SECRETLY MY HUSBAND, SUPERMAN!
SOB!!
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NEXT DAY, IN THE MIDST OF THIS BLEAK MISERY, THERE BLOSSOMS ONE TINY RAY OF JOY...
CONGRATULATIONS, LOIS! YOUR FLOWER ENTRY HAS WON THE TULIP CONTEST! WHAT WILL YOU NAME YOUR NEW TYPE OF TULIP?
I'LL NAME IT "THE SUPERMAN TULIP"!
SUPERMAN WILL BE SO PROUD OF ME!

ONLY THEN DOES LOIS NOTICE A FAMILIAR FACE...
HELLO, LOIS! WHEN I SEE SUPERMAN, HE'LL THANK ME FOR SHOWING HIM THIS PICTURE!
:GROAN!:... OH, NO! LANA HAS MANAGED TO RUIN EVEN THIS HAPPY OCCASION FOR ME!

THAT NIGHT, AS SUPERMAN RETURNS HOME FROM PATROLLING METROPOLIS, HIS SUPER-HEARING HEARS MUFFLED SOBS AND HE INVESTIGATES...
MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS LOIS CRYING BROKEN-HEARTEDLY IN THE LIVING ROOM! I'D BETTER HAVE A TALK WITH HER!

SHORTLY, AS LOIS UNBURDENS HER HEART...
:SOB!:... I THOUGHT THAT EVERY SECOND OF MY MARRIAGE TO SUPERMAN WOULD BE HEAVENLY BLISS! NOT LIKE THIS!-- IS IT SILLY AND STUPID OF ME TO HATE KEEPING OUR MARRIAGE A SECRET?

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO SHOUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD THAT THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN OF ALL TIME IS MY HUSBAND! WHEN??
I HOPE SOMEDAY SOON...PERHAPS...

...IF I SUCCEED IN GIVING YOU PERMANENT SUPER-POWERS SO YOUR LIFE WON'T BE IN DANGER FROM MY ENEMIES!
MAKE IT VERY SOON, MY DARLING, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR MARRIAGE...OUR HAPPINESS ...MAKE IT SOON...SOON!!!
END.

BUT SUPPOSE SUPERMAN HAD GIVEN LOIS SUPER-POWERS BEFORE THEIR MARRIAGE? SEE THE NEXT STORY IN THIS ISSUE!

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

A CLASSIC IMAGINARY TALE

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF, ONE DAY, **SUPERMAN** MARRIED LOIS LANE... AND LEFT LANA LANG OUT IN THE COLD? OF COURSE, LOIS WOULD BECOME THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! BUT LANA LANG, HAVING LOVED **SUPERMAN** EVER SINCE HE WAS **SUPERBOY**, WOULD BE MISERABLE FROM A BROKEN HEART! HOWEVER, DON'T FEEL TOO SORRY FOR LANA... NOT UNTIL YOU SEE THE SURPRISE FATE HAS IN STORE FOR HER IN THIS **IMAGINARY STORY**...

"LANA LANG'S ROMANCE WITH SUPERMAN VI!"

THEY'RE DARLING!

;CHOKE;--IF **SUPERMAN** HAD MARRIED **ME**, INSTEAD OF LOIS LANE, AND GIVEN ME SUPER-POWERS THE WAY HE GAVE THEM TO LOIS, THOSE CHILDREN COULD HAVE BEEN... MINE!...

WHEE! ME MAKE DOLLY FLY WITH SUPER-BREATH!

ONE MORNING IN **METROPOLIS**, ON AN IMAGINARY DAY WHICH MAY, **OR MAY NOT**, EVER HAPPEN, **SUPERMAN** PROPOSES TO LOIS LANE...

I'VE FINALLY INVENTED A SERUM WHICH CAN GIVE YOU **PERMANENT** SUPER-POWERS! YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM MY ENEMIES! NOW I CAN ASK YOU TO MARRY ME! WILL YOU, LOIS, DEAR?

YES!!

SOON, THE WORLD THRILLS TO STARTLING NEWS...

DAILY PLANET
SUPERMAN MARRIES LOIS LANE
SHE NOW HAS SUPER-POWERS, TOO!

METROPOLIS DAILY MIRROR
SUPERMAN AND SUPER-BRIDE WILL PATROL AS SUPER-TEAM!

THE YEARS SPEED HAPPILY BY IN THIS IMAGINARY STORY...SUPER-LOIS GIVES BIRTH TO TWO SUPER-CHILDREN...AND INSIDE THEIR HOME, IN THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, ONE DAY...
LARRY--CAROLE--STOP PLAYING WITH THOSE TAME SPACE CREATURES FROM OTHER WORLDS! PUT THEM BACK IN THEIR CAGES! WE'RE EXPECTING COMPANY!
OBEY YOUR FATHER AT ONCE, CHILDREN!
SHORTLY, AS A SUPERMAN ROBOT ARRIVES AT THE FORTRESS, CARRYING LANA LANG...
I TRUST YOU WERE COMFORTABLE DURING THE TRIP FROM METROPOLIS?
YES, ROBOT!
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE THIS EVENING!
MINUTES LATER...
GOODY! AUNTIE LANA BROUGHT ME A...DOLL!
ME GOT TOY TRAIN SET!
CHILDREN! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU IT'S NOT POLITE TO PEEK AT GIFTS WITH YOUR X'RAY VISION BEFORE THEY'RE GIVEN TO YOU!
CHOKE! -- LOIS MARRYING SUPERMAN WAS A TERRIBLE BLOW TO ME... I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO FORGET HIM! WELL, IT WON'T DO TO HAVE THEM KNOW I'M BROKEN-HEARTED! I'LL PRETEND TO BE GAY... HAPPY! CHOKE!
I SEE YOU'VE MADE SOME CHANGES, LOIS! THE FORTRESS NOW LOOKS... LOVELY!
I GOLD-PLATED THE CAVERN WALLS, AND STUDDED THE GOLD WITH GEMS! I DID ALL THE MINING AND SUPER-DECORATING MYSELF! GLAD YOU LIKE IT!
PRESENTLY, A SMILE ON HER FACE, BUT WITH SORROW IN HER HEART, LANA WATCHES THE CHILDREN PLAY...
THEY'RE DARLING!
CHOKE! -- IF SUPERMAN HAD MARRIED ME, THEY COULD HAVE BEEN...MINE!
WHEE! WE MAKE DOLLY FLY WITH SUPER-BREATH!
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LATER, AT DINNER...
THESE EXOTIC FOODS ARE FROM VARIOUS PLANETS!
YOU'RE A WONDERFUL COOK, LOIS! HA, HA! I GUESS THE BEST GIRL WON SUPERMAN, AFTER ALL!
MUSTN'T LET THEM KNOW MY HEART IS BREAKING!

AFTERWARD, AS A SUPERMAN ROBOT IS ABOUT TO RETURN LANA TO METROPOLIS...
I HAD A SIMPLY MARVELOUS TIME!
ACTUALLY, EACH MOMENT WAS AGONIZING! OH, HOW I ENVY LOIS!
LANA'S A GOOD LOSER!

BUT WHEN LANA REACHES HER APARTMENT, AFTER THE RETURN FLIGHT...
SOB, SOB!
OH, SUPERBOY! WHY DID YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH LOIS WHEN YOU GREW UP TO BECOME SUPERMAN? WH-WHY COULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN WITH ME?-- SOB!
To My Good Friend Lana Superboy

THE NEXT DAY, LANA RETURNS TO HER JOB AS A TV NEWSCASTER, HOPING TO FORGET SUPERMAN BY BEING BUSY IN HER WORK...
OH, NO!
I'VE GOT AN EASY ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU, LANA! I WANT YOU TO NARRATE A FILM ON SUPERMAN'S LIFE!
WMET TV

SHORTLY, AS SOME NEWSREEL SCENES ARE RUN OFF IN THE TV STATION'S SCREENING ROOM...
WHAT'S EATING HER?
I GUESS SHE CAN'T WATCH THOSE FILMS OF SUPERMAN'S MARRIAGE! SHE'D HOPED TO MARRY HIM HERSELF, REMEMBER?

DETERMINED TO AVOID BEING REMINDED OF SUPERMAN, LANA COVERS THE ARRIVAL OF A SEA-LINER, BUT...
ULP!--WHEREVER I TURN, I'M REMINDED OF SUPERMAN, THE MAN I WANT TO FORGET!
TWO SHIPS COLLIDED AT SEA!
DON'T WORRY! SUPERMAN AND SUPER-LOIS SAW THE COLLISION WHILE ON PATROL! THEY'RE FLYING THE SHIPS TO SAFETY!
LINES
WMET TV

MOMENTS LATER, AS SPECTATORS CHEER...
HOORAY, SUPERMAN AND SUPER-LOIS!
SOB!...IF SUPERMAN HAD MARRIED ME AND GIVEN ME SUPER-POWERS, EVERYONE WOULD BE ADMIRING ME, INSTEAD OF LOIS! I-I CAN'T BEAR THIS ANYMORE!

POOR LANA! SHE'S IN TERRIBLE MISERY BECAUSE SUPERMAN MARRIED LOIS LANE INSTEAD OF HER!
LOIS! DID YOUR SUPER-HEARING OVERHEAR THAT CAMERA-MAN'S REMARK, TOO?
YES!--SO LANA ONLY PRETENDED GAIETY, WHEN SHE VISITED US!

I FEEL JUST AWFUL BECAUSE MY HAPPINESS HAS BROUGHT LANA SO MUCH PAIN!
LET'S HOPE THAT SOMEWHERE, SOMEHOW, SHE'LL FIND HAPPINESS, TOO!

NEXT DAY, AS LANA INTERVIEWS A FAMOUS SCIENTIST...
WE LIVE IN A THREE-DIMENSIONAL WORLD OF LENGTH, HEIGHT AND WIDTH! MY INVENTION CAN PROJECT OBJECTS INTO A FOURTH, INVISIBLE DIMENSION, WHICH IS THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM!

I'VE EXPERIMENTED SUCCESSFULLY WITH ANIMALS, BUT NOW I NEED A HUMAN VOLUNTEER! HOWEVER, IT WILL BE VERY RISKY! I CAN'T GUARANTEE HE WILL RETURN ALIVE!
IF I CAN'T HAVE SUPERMAN, I DON'T CARE IF I LIVE OR DIE!
I'LL VOLUNTEER!
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DESPITE THE SCIENTIST'S WARNING, THE DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT BEGINS...
YOU'RE VANISHING INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION!... I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR YOU TO RETURN AND DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE!

BUT TO THE SCIENTIST'S DISMAY, DISASTER STRIKES...!
;CHOKE;--DEFECTIVE WIRING CAUSED MY WONDERFUL INVENTION TO SHORT-CIRCUIT AND CATCH FIRE! IT'S RUINED! IT'LL TAKE YEARS TO BUILD ANOTHER! POOR MISS LANG IS--DOOMED!

TO LANA'S AMAZEMENT, SHE MATERIALIZES IN...
A STRANGE CITY... AWP! HERE COME SOME ROBOTS! I'M F-FRIGHTENED!
IS THIS A FOURTH-DIMENSIONAL WORLD?
THIS IS THE CITY OF METROPOLIS! WHY ARE YOU DRESSED IN 20TH-CENTURY ATTIRE?

I GET IT! TIME IS THE FOURTH DIMENSION, THE PROFESSOR'S INVENTION HAS LAUNCHED ME INTO THE CITY OF METROPOLIS OF THE FAR DISTANT FUTURE!!

YOU LOOK AND ACT PECULIAR, LADY! SHOW ME GOOD CITIZEN IDENTITY CARD PWX-21!
I...ER... HAVEN'T ANY!
THEN YOU MUST BE A CRIMINAL! BY AUTHORIZATION OF LAW 9674301, LEDGER N41, SUB-AMENDMENT F67-L, I HEREBY ARREST YOU!

ABRUPTLY...
RELEASE THAT GIRL, ROBOT POLICE!
SUPERMAN!
IT'S SUPERMAN AGAIN! CAN'T I EVER ESCAPE THE MAN I'M TRYING TO FORGET?

STRANGE... HIS BODY IS NOW ENVELOPED IN A BLUE AURA! I WONDER WHY??
I SAID LET HER GO! I'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS GIRL!
VERY WELL, AS LONG AS YOU VOUCH FOR HER!

SUPERMAN MUST HAVE FOUND OUT THAT SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH THE FOURTH-DIMENSION PROJECTOR MACHINE... AND HE FLEW THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO SAVE ME! BUT WHY IS HE LOOKING SO ODDLY AT ME ?
YOU'RE... BEAUTIFUL!
I LOVE YOU! I MUST KISS YOU... NOW, THIS VERY MOMENT!
?!
HE'S TAKEN ME INTO HIS ARMS! HIS KISS IS DIVINE--THRILLING! MY SENSES ARE WHIRLING AND SPINNING AND... BUT WAIT! HE MUSTN'T DO THIS! NO! IT ISN'T RIGHT!!
HAVE YOU GONE OUT OF YOUR MIND, SUPERMAN? HOW DARE YOU KISS ME WHEN YOU HAVE A WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN BACK IN 1965 A.D. ?
COME WITH ME!
SNATCHING UP LANA, THE MAN OF STEEL FLIES HER UPWARD TO AN ANTI-GRAVITY GLOBE...
BEHOLD--MY SUPER-SANCTUM!
YOU HAVE A HOME IN THIS FUTURE ERA, TOO? LET ME GO, YOU BRUTE! YOU'RE BEHAVING DISGRACEFULLY! IF LOIS KNEW...
SOON, INSIDE THE SANCTUM...
TAKE ME OUT OF HERE IMMEDIATELY!
FIRST, I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!
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SHORTLY, INSIDE A TROPHY ROOM ...
I AM... SUPERMAN VII! OBVIOUSLY, YOU'VE COME FROM THE PAST AND YOU HAVE ME CONFUSED WITH MY ANCESTOR, THE ORIGINAL SUPERMAN! HE AND HIS WIFE WERE MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT GRANDPARENTS!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE SUPERMAN I KNEW AND POSSESS HIS SUPER-POWERS! YOU'RE HIS DESCENDANT! NO WONDER YOU RESEMBLE HIM EXACTLY!
THE ORIGINAL TWENTIETH-CENTURY SUPERMAN
THE ORIGINAL SUPERMAN'S SUPER-WIFE MRS. LOIS SUPERMAN

NOW THAT OUR LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING IS OVER, TELL ME YOU LOVE ME AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE YOU REALLY LOVE ME? WE'VE JUST MET!

WHEN I NEARED YOU, AFTER SIGHTING YOU WHILE ON PATROL, THIS "TRUE LOVE DETECTOR" ALERTED ME TO THE FACT THAT WE'RE PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER!
I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

IN THIS ERA, EVERY UNMARRIED MALE ADULT WEARS ONE OF THESE DETECTOR-BRACELETS! WHENEVER HE MEETS AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, THE DETECTOR COMPARES THEIR EMOTIONAL AND INTELLECTUAL QUALITIES!

IF A MAN MEETS HIS IDEAL MATE, THE MECHANISM CAUSES A BLUE AURA TO APPEAR ABOUT HIM— WHICH IS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I MET YOU... ALLOW ME TO KISS YOU AGAIN, AND PROVE THE "TRUE LOVE DETECTOR" NEVER FAILS!
PLEASE DO!

AN INSTANT LATER...
GOSH, MY HEART'S POUNDING WILDLY, AND MY KNEES ARE TREMBLING! I... LOVE... HIM! INTUITIVELY, I KNOW HIS "TRUE-LOVE DETECTOR" IS RIGHT! WE ARE MEANT FOR EACH OTHER!!

WHAT A MARVELOUS INVENTION! IT'S CORRECT! I DO LOVE YOU!
EVEN MORE THAN I LOVED THE ORIGINAL SUPERMAN IN VAIN!
WONDERFUL!... DRINK THIS--IT'S THE SAME TYPE OF SERUM WHICH GAVE MY ANCESTOR, LOIS LANE, PERMANENT SUPER-POWERS!

AFTER LANA DRINKS THE SERUM...
NOW THAT YOU'RE SUPER, TOO, LET'S FLY TOGETHER TO A PREACHER AND GET MARRIED! ANY OBJECTIONS?
NONE, DEAR!
I'M SO HAPPY! SUPERMAN WILL BE MY HUSBAND, AFTER ALL! SUPERMAN VII, THAT IS!
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HOW IRONIC THAT THE MAN I LOVE, AND AM GOING TO MARRY, IS THE DESCENDANT OF MY FORMER RIVAL FOR THE HEART OF SUPERMAN... LOIS LANE!
YES, IT IS IRONIC! BUT WILL THIS HAPPY IMAGINARY STORY ACTUALLY HAPPEN SOME DAY? MAYBE YES... AND MAYBE NO!!
The End

What and the are they?

ANGEL AND THE APE!

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SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

POOR LOIS LANE! SHE HAS DESPERATELY LONGED TO MARRY MIGHTY **SUPERMAN**, THE WORLD'S GREATEST ROMANTIC CATCH, FOR MANY, MANY YEARS! UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE PRETTY **DAILY PLANET** REPORTER, HER HIGH HOPES OF WINNING HIM FOR A HUSBAND HAVE NEVER COME TRUE! THEN, ONE DAY, IRONICALLY, SHE HAS A CHANCE TO WED HIM AT LAST! HOWEVER, IT ISN'T LOIS WHOM HE WANTS... IT IS "**LORELEI LARUE**", WHO, UNKNOWN TO **SUPERMAN**, IS ACTUALLY NONE OTHER THAN... **LOIS LANE'S SECRET IDENTITY!**

LITTLE DOES **SUPERMAN** REALIZE I'M **REALLY LOIS LANE**, WEARING A DISGUISE! IF I SAY "**YES**", AND MARRY HIM IN THIS **SECRET IDENTITY**, I'LL BE GETTING HIM THROUGH **TRICKERY**! I LOVE HIM SO MUCH!... WH-WHAT SHALL I DO???

AND DO YOU, **LORELEI LARUE**, TAKE **SUPERMAN** TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED HUSBAND?

ONE AFTERNOON, AT THE **DAILY PLANET** IN **METROPOLIS**, REPORTER LOIS LANE IS CONTACTED BY AN UNDERWORLD INFORMER...

PS-ST!- THE "SOCIETY BANDIT" IS GONNA PULL A JOB TONIGHT AT THE VAN CLEVE PARTY!

THANKS, SNYDE!

HMM--**SUPERMAN** HAS OFTEN WARNED ME TO LET **HIM** HANDLE ANYTHING **DANGEROUS**! THE "SOCIETY BANDIT", WHO STEALS JEWELS FROM THE WEALTHY, **MAY** GET VIOLENT, IF TRAPPED! -SHOULD I ASK JIMMY OLSEN TO SUMMON **SUPERMAN** WITH HIS SIGNAL-WATCH...?

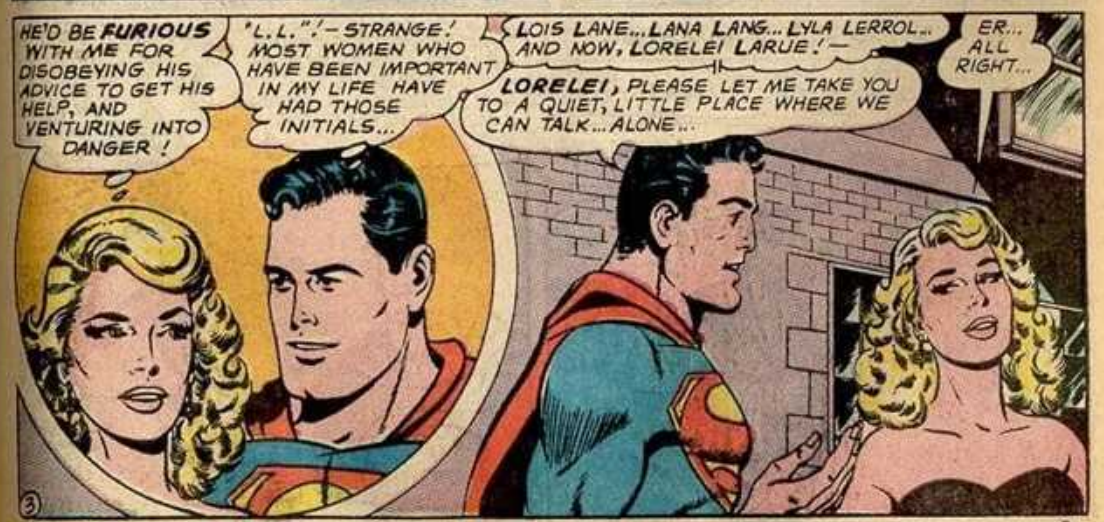
TYPICALLY, LOIS COMES TO AN IMPULSIVE DECISION...
NO! SUPERMAN NABS CRIMINALS EVERY DAY! BUT IF I PERSONALLY CATCH A CROOK, THAT'LL BE A GREAT SCOOP FOR ME!
HURRIEDLY SHOPPING, LOIS RUSHES HOME TO HER APARTMENT, WHERE HER SISTER LUCY WATCHES AS..
I'VE DONNED A CLINGING GOWN... LONG EYE-LASHES... AND FAKE DIAMONDS! NOW TO PUT ON THE BLONDE WIG THAT'LL TRANSFORM ME INTO...
...MY SECRET IDENTITY AS-- "LORELEI LARUE"! NO ONE AT THE PARTY WILL RECOGNIZE ME NOW! I'LL LURE THE "SOCIETY BANDIT" INTO A TRAP WITH THESE FAKE DIAMONDS! HOW DO I LOOK, SIS?
FLASHY, BUT ...TERRIFIC!
LOIS, YOUR SCHEME SOUNDS TERRIBLY DANGEROUS! HADN'T YOU BETTER THINK TWICE, BEFORE...?
OH, LUCY, STOP BEING SUCH A WORRIER! I CAN PROTECT MYSELF! -NOW TO WANGLE AN INVITATION TO THAT PARTY...
THAT EVENING, AT THE VAN CLEVE MANSION...
OH, DEAR! -I'M TOO GREAT A SENSATION WITH ALL THESE ADMIRERS CLUSTERING AROUND ME! THE "SOCIETY BANDIT" WILL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO TRY TO STEAL THESE PHONEY DIAMONDS! HMM... I'LL SLIP OUT SOMEWHERE TO LURE HIM!
SHORTLY, AFTER "LORELEI" SLIPS AWAY ONTO A TERRACE, OVERLOOKING THE OCEAN...
I'LL TAKE THOSE DIAMONDS! DON'T MAKE A SOUND, IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!
THE "SOCIETY BANDIT"! -NOW TO UNMASK HIM!

AN INSTANT LATER...
KNOWING MY SECRET WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE!
GASP!!—YOU'RE TYRONE WESTMORE, THE PLAYBOY! YOU MUST HAVE SQUANDERED YOUR INHERITANCE, AND NOW STEAL TO CONTINUE LIVING LUXURIOUSLY!!

AS LOIS LANE, ALIAS "LORELEI", FALLS TOWARD HER DOOM, SHE IS CAUGHT IN THE STEELY GRIP OF TWO SUPER-POWERFUL HANDS...
SUPERMAN!
FORTUNATELY, I WAS PASSING BY ON PATROL AND SAW YOUR PERIL, MISS!

SO YOU'RE THE "SOCIETY BANDIT!" THE POLICE WILL BE GLAD TO MEET YOU!
OOOF!

AFTER SUPERMAN TURNS THE CROOK OVER TO THE PLAIN-CLOTHES DETECTIVES WHO HAVE BEEN GUARDING THE GUESTS AT THE PARTY...
I MUST KNOW YOUR NAME!
I'M...ER...LORELEI LARUE!
M-MY DISGUISE IS FOOLING SUPERMAN! OH, MY! I DON'T DARE TELL HIM THE TRUTH!


HE'D BE FURIOUS WITH ME FOR DISOBEYING HIS ADVICE TO GET HIS HELP, AND VENTURING INTO DANGER!
"L.L."!—STRANGE! MOST WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT IN MY LIFE HAVE HAD THOSE INITIALS...
LOIS LANE...LANA LANG...LYLA LERROL... AND NOW, LORELEI LARUE!—
LORELEI, PLEASE LET ME TAKE YOU TO A QUIET, LITTLE PLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK...ALONE...
ER... ALL RIGHT...
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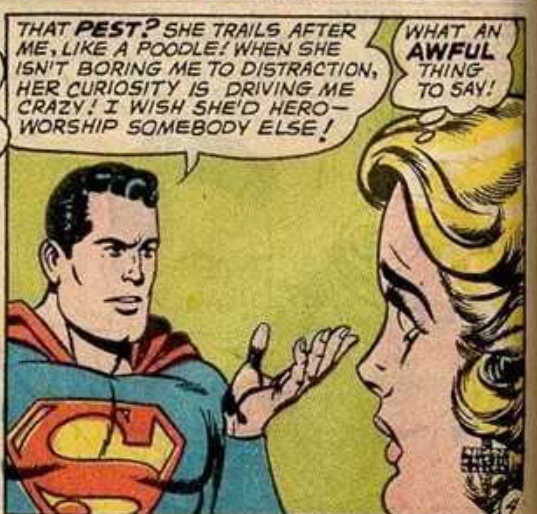
PRESENTLY...
I'VE OFTEN FLOWN PAST THIS ATTRACTIVE RESTAURANT WHILE ON PATROL! LONG AGO, I DECIDED TO BRING "THE" GIRL HERE, WHEN I MET HER!—IT'S CALLED "THE TOP"!
"THE" GIRL? DOES HE MEAN...?!

SUPERMAN'S MEANING IS SOON UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR...
I'VE SEEN MANY BEAUTIES, ON MANY PLANETS, BUT NONE AS LOVELY AS... YOU!
EEPS! H-HE'S M-MADLY IN L-LOVE WITH MY SECRET IDENTITY!!

BEWILDERED AND CONFUSED, THE DISGUISED LOIS HASTILY DEPARTS...
I MUST KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU! WHERE AND WHEN WILL WE MEET AGAIN?
HERE! TOMORROW NIGHT, AT 8 O'CLOCK!—DON'T FLY ME HOME! I-I'D RATHER GO BY TAXI... ALONE...

LATER, AT HER APARTMENT...
I COULD SCREAM WHEN HE DROOLS OVER LORELEI, LUCY! BUT I DON'T DARE TELL HIM SHE'S ME... ME, LOIS LANE!
YOU'VE BECOME YOUR OWN COMPETITION! HOW... DREADFUL!

NEXT NIGHT, AT 8:00 P.M., AT "THE TOP"...
YOUR EYES ARE DEEP, MYSTIC, THRILLING...! YOUR LIPS--A FLAMING MAGNET!
OH, SHUT UP!—I WON'T LET YOU FORGET LOIS!
WHAT ABOUT LOIS LANE? I'VE HEARD THAT YOU AND SHE...


THAT PEST? SHE TRAILS AFTER ME, LIKE A POODLE! WHEN SHE ISN'T BORING ME TO DISTRACTION, HER CURIOSITY IS DRIVING ME CRAZY! I WISH SHE'D HERO-WORSHIP SOMEBODY ELSE!
WHAT AN AWFUL THING TO SAY!

UH-WHAT ABOUT LANA LANG? THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS...
LANA? NOW THERE'S A NICE KID! SMART, ATTRACTIVE, BUT, OF COURSE, SHE DOESN'T COMPARE WITH YOU!
SIZZLING INWARDLY, "LORELEI" DEPARTS...
I'LL MEET YOU TOMORROW, AT NOON, IN METROPOLIS PARK!
I'LL COUNT THE SECONDS, GORGEOUS!

WHEN SHE REACHES HOME...
HAVE A GOOD TIME?
GOOD TIME? I WAS... MISERABLE! SUPERMAN'S MAD, MAD, MAD OVER MY SECRET IDENTITY, BUT CONSIDERS ME A... A CREEP! SOB! LORELEI HAS BECOME A F-FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER! SHE'S DESTROYING MY HAPPINESS!

"LORELEI LARUE", I HATE YOU! YOU'RE A FAKE, A PHONEY, A DISGUSTING FRAUD! HOW CAN SUPERMAN PREFER YOU TO ME?
POOR LOIS IS INSANELY JEALOUS OF "HERSELF"!

AND AS LOIS REMOVES THE DISGUISE...
SO SUPERMAN LOVES LORELEI, AND THINKS I'M A PEST, EH?—I'LL GET EVEN! I'LL PROVE TO HIM THAT HIS DREAM-GIRL, LORELEI, ISN'T AS PERFECT AS HE THINKS!

NEXT DAY, AFTER LOIS RESUMES HER SECRET IDENTITY...
SORRY I'M LATE, LORELEI, BUT AN EMERGENCY DELAYED ME...
I'LL PRETEND TO HAVE A TERRIBLE TEMPER!
I DESPISE PEOPLE WHO ARE TARDY!
HERE'S TEN DOLLARS FOR THAT GREEN VASE!
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HA, HA! WHAT'LL SUPERMAN THINK OF SUBLIMELY SWEET ME, NOW? HE'LL THINK THAT I BROKE THE VASE BECAUSE I HAVE A WILD TEMPER!
OH, HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU!
KRASH!!

YOU SMASHED THAT GREEN VASE BECAUSE YOU KNEW THE COLOR GREEN REMINDS ME OF GREEN KRYPTONITE, WHICH I LOATHE!
OOPS! MY BIG SCHEME BACKFIRED!

SHORTLY, AS THEY PICNIC...
NOW TO ACT UNREASONABLE!
WHAT MAGNIFICENT SCENERY!
THINK SO? I DISAGREE! MOVE THE MOUNTAINS AND CLEAR AWAY THE FORESTS AT ONCE!

SUPER-SPEEDILY, SUPERMAN OBLIGES...
FASTER, SLOWPOKE!
THE SCENERY'S RUINED! HA, HA! HE'LL BE COMPLETELY DISGUSTED, FED-UP, ETC., WITH HIS PRECIOUS LORELEI, NOW!

BUT AS SUPERMAN FINISHES...
WONDERFUL! IT WOULD'VE TAKEN US YEARS TO CLEAR AWAY THOSE OBSTACLES! NOW WE CAN BUILD THE NEW HIGH-WAY WITHOUT DELAY! YOU'VE SAVED THE STATE MILLIONS!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU REALLY HAD ME DO IT, DARLING! HOW CLEVER OF YOU!
YIPES!— I FAILED AGAIN!
METROPOLIS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

HE MUST BE OUT OF HIS MIND TO PREFER LORELEI TO THE REAL ME!
ER—HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED ANY RED KRYPTONITE LATELY?
THE STUFF THAT MAKES ME BEHAVE UNPREDICTABLY?—NO!... LORELEI, I WON'T BEAT ABOUT THE BUSH ANY MORE! MARRY ME!!

OH, NO! HE CAN'T MEAN THIS!
I'LL TRY TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO OUT-SMART THEM!—SAY "YES", DARLING! PLEASE... PLEASE...
IF YOU MARRIED ME, W-WOULDN'T YOUR ENEMIES SEEK TO HURT YOU BY HARMING ME?

YES!... I-I'LL MEET YOU AT CITY HALL, TOMORROW! AFTER WE GET THE LICENSE, WE'LL GET MARRIED!
SUPER!!

THAT EVENING, LOIS CALLS ON HER RIVAL, LANA LANG, AND DEFIANTLY REVEALS EVERYTHING...
YOU MEAN, YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY SUPERMAN IN YOUR SECRET IDENTITY AS "LORELEI"?! GASP!... BUT YOU'D BE TRICKING HIM INTO MARRIAGE!
EXACTLY! I DON'T CARE HOW I GET HIM, AS LONG AS I GET HIM!!

NEXT DAY, AFTER SUPERMAN AND "LORELEI" SECURE THE WEDDING LICENSE, THEY LOCATE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE TO MARRY THEM...
I'LL CHECK THE WEDDING LICENSE FIRST. LET'S SEE, IT'S SIGNED BY...

...JUDGE KLTPZYXM-GAA! EEPS! URP!!—YOU GUESSED THAT I HAD DISGUISED MYSELF AS THE REAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, WHOM I HAD HYPNOTIZED AND PUT IN A CLOSET. SAYING MY NAME BACKWARDS NOW RETURNS ME TO MY 5TH-DIMENSIONAL WORLD FOR 90 DAYS!
GOODBYE, MR. MXYZPTLK, YOU ZANY MISCHIEF-MAKER!
POP!

AS LOIS REMOVES HER BLONDE WIG, SUPERMAN "COMES TO", AS THOUGH EMERGING FROM A SPELL...
"LORELEI"...YOU'RE REALLY L-LOIS LANE!! WHAT'S GOING ON? IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS GOING TO MARRY YOU! WHAT...?!!
I'LL BE HAPPY TO EXPLAIN, AFTER I RELEASE THE REAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FROM THIS CLOSET!

AS LOIS TELLS HOW SHE CAME TO HAVE A SECRET IDENTITY...
WHEN YOU WERE WILLING TO MARRY "LORELEI", THOUGH HER LIFE WOULD BE ENDANGERED, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG! SINCE YOU HADN'T BEEN AFFECTED BY RED KRYPTONITE, THE ONLY ANSWER HAD TO BE... MR. MXYZPTLK'S MAGIC—WHICH EVEN YOU ARE NOT IMMUNE TO!
"MXYZPTLK PROBABLY GOT MAD AT ME BECAUSE OF AN UNFAVORABLE STORY I RECENTLY WROTE ABOUT HIM! AND SO, ARRIVING IN OUR DIMENSION, HE TOOK HIS REVENGE ON ME BY HEXING YOU WITH HIS 5TH-DIMENSIONAL MAGIC..."
SUPERMAN, I ORDER YOU TO BE UNABLE TO SEE THROUGH LOIS' DISGUISE! HATE LOIS! I COMMAND YOU TO WANT TO MARRY "LORELEI"! THEN, AFTER MARRYING HER, LEARN THE TRUTH, THEN DESPISE LOIS BECAUSE SHE TRICKED YOU!
I PRETENDED TO LANA THAT I WAS GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH MARRYING YOU AS "LORELEI", BECAUSE I GUESSED MXYZPTLK WAS EAVESDROPPING! AT THE LICENSE BUREAU, I ARRANGED FOR THAT FAKE SIGNATURE! I WAS SURE MXYZPTLK COULDN'T RESIST...
...DISGUISING HIMSELF AS THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WHO WAS TO MARRY US! NATURALLY, I COULDN'T REALLY SINK SO LOW AS TO TRICK YOU INTO MARRIAGE!
LOIS, YOU ANGEL! I APOLOGIZE FOR ANYTHING NASTY I SAID WHILE UNDER MXYZPTLK'S SPELL!
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THE SILVER COIN of FATE!

NOW I'LL PROVE THAT I CARE FOR YOU BOTH THE SAME! IF THE COIN I'M TOSSING TURNS UP "HEADS", I'LL MARRY LOIS! IF IT LANDS "TAILS", I'LL MARRY LANA!

GOOD GRIEF! MY FUTURE HAPPINESS DEPENDS ON THE FLIP OF A COIN!

SO DOES MINE! I'VE NEVER WISHED YOU ILL, LANA, BUT THIS TIME I CAN'T HELP PRAYING THAT I'LL BE THE WINNER!

ONE MORNING, AT LOIS LANE'S APARTMENT...

I'M SO GRATEFUL TO YOU, LOIS, FOR LETTING ME STAY HERE WHILE THEY'RE RENOVATING MY APARTMENT!

BOSH! YOU'D DO THE SAME FOR ME, LANA! WE'LL ALWAYS BE GOOD FRIENDS EVEN THOUGH WE'RE BOTH IN LOVE WITH THE SAME GUY, SUPERMAN!

BY THE WAY, THE PLANET HAS AN ITEM ABOUT SUPERMAN! HE'S EXPLORING THE CENTER OF THE EARTH FOR A SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY!

HMM... THAT MAN HAS TIME FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT US. C'MON, LOIS! LET'S GET DRESSED AND GO TO THE AIRPORT! I WANT TO SHOW YOU HOW I CAN FLY A PLANE!

PLANET

SUPERMAN EXPLORING CENTER OF EARTH!

AN HOUR LATER, AT METROPOLIS AIRPORT...
HEY, LANA! WE'RE TAKING OFF WITHOUT PARACHUTES... AND YOU ONLY RECEIVED YOUR PILOT'S LICENSE YESTERDAY!
SO WHAT? MY FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR SAID I WAS THE BRIGHTEST PUPIL HE EVER HAD! JUST RELAX, LOIS! YOU'RE IN NO DANGER WHATSOEVER!
PRESENTLY, AS LANA LANG DEMONSTRATES HER SKILL...
LOIS! THAT JET PLANE IS COMING IN FOR A LANDING!... WE'RE RIGHT IN ITS PATH!
JOE! A PLANE... DEAD AHEAD OF US!
¡GASP!¡... BRACE YOURSELF! WE'RE GOING TO HIT IT!
AS THE AIRPLANE PILOT DESPERATELY BANKS TO AVOID A COLLISION...
CRASSHH!
OMIGOSH! OUR WING SLICED OPEN THAT SMALL CRAFT!
I--IT'S MY FAULT! I DIDN'T CONSULT THE CONTROL TOWER ABOUT THE FLIGHT PATTERNS OF ALL INCOMING AIRCRAFT! NOW LOIS AND I WILL BE KILLED!
SUDDENLY...
DON'T WORRY, GIRLS! I'LL SAVE YOU!
WHOOSH!
THANK HEAVENS! THERE'S THE ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS! SUPERMAN IS BACK FROM THE CENTER OF THE EARTH! HE'LL RESCUE US!
HMM... NOW I'LL SEE WHOM SUPERMAN CARES FOR MOST! I CAN TELL BY WHICH ONE OF US HE RESCUES FIRST!
OH-OH! A THOUGHT JUST STRUCK ME! IF I SAVE LOIS FIRST, LANA WILL BE SORE AT ME. AND IF I SAVE LANA FIRST, LOIS WILL NEVER FORGIVE ME!
WELL--I'LL SOLVE THE PROBLEM BY SAVING THEM BOTH AT THE SAME TIME SO NEITHER IS JEALOUS OF THE OTHER! BY PUTTING MY FINGER TO MY LIPS, I'LL DIVIDE MY SUPER-BREATH INTO TWO DIVERGING BREATH-STREAMS!
PUFF!

THE TWIN PUFFS OF BREATH WILL FORM AIR CUSHIONS ON WHICH THE GIRLS CAN LAND AS SOFT AS A FEATHER!
OHH! HE DIDN'T SHOW ANY PREFERENCE! HE RESCUED US BOTH AT THE SAME TIME!

SHORTLY...
THANKS, SUPERMAN! I THOUGHT YOU'D REVEAL WHOM YOU LIKED BETTER, LANA OR ME, BY YOUR CHOICE OF WHICH ONE OF US YOU'D RESCUE FIRST! BUT BY RESCUING US SIMULTANEOUSLY, I'M STILL LEFT GUESSING!
BUT WHAT OTHER CHOICE COULD I MAKE, LOIS?

YOU, LANA, WERE MY GIRL FRIEND IN THE PAST! YOU, LOIS, BELONG TO MY PRESENT! I CARE FOR YOU BOTH... SO HOW COULD I FAVOR ONE OF YOU AGAINST THE OTHER!
BUT DON'T YOU CARE FOR ONE OF US JUST A WEE BIT MORE THAN THE OTHER?

NO, LANA... AND I'LL PROVE IT WITH THIS COIN FROM THE POUCH IN MY CAPE! I'M GOING TO END THIS RIVALRY BETWEEN YOU AND LOIS BY MARRYING ONE OF YOU! WHICH ONE DOESN'T MATTER, BECAUSE I COULD BE HAPPY WITH EITHER ONE OF YOU AS MY WIFE!
W- WHAT?!

TO PROVE THAT I LIKE BOTH OF YOU THE SAME, I'M GOING TO FLIP THIS COIN! IF THE QUARTER LANDS "HEADS" I'LL MARRY LOIS! IF IT LANDS "TAILS" I'LL MARRY LANA!
GOOD GRIEF, LOIS! H-HE MEANS IT!

NEXT MOMENT...
I CAN SEE THE COIN WITH MY SUPER-VISION! IT'S HEADS! THAT MEANS LOIS AND I WILL GET MARRIED!
GASP! I-I'VE WON! I'M GOING TO BE SUPERMAN'S WIFE!

OH, NO! I MUST SEE THAT COIN! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT MY FONDEST HOPES WILL NEVER COME TRUE!
IT'S SETTLED NOW, LOIS! YOUR MANY YEARS OF WONDERING AND WAITING ARE OVER! WILL YOU MARRY ME?
OH, YES! YES!

THE COIN DID FALL "HEADS"! BUT...OMIGOSH!...GASP! ...THIS IS HORRIBLE! I CAN'T LET THIS MARRIAGE TAKE PLACE! I MUST STOP IT...OR ELSE I WOULDN'T BE LOIS' FRIEND! IF LOIS KNEW WHAT I KNOW NOW, SHE'D FLEE FROM HIM IN HORROR!

BUT I CAN'T TELL HER YET! LOIS WOULD DIE OF SHOCK! MAYBE HE'LL THINK TWICE ABOUT THIS MARRIAGE, AND BREAK THE NEWS TO LOIS HIMSELF! IF HE'S HONORABLE, HE MUST! HE COULDN'T TAKE SUCH DREADFUL ADVANTAGE OF POOR LOIS!

LOOK, LOIS...WHY DON'T WE ELOPE? LET'S SLIP AWAY RIGHT NOW, FIND A PREACHER AND...
IT SOUNDS WONDERFUL, DARLING! BUT I CAN'T! NOT TILL I DELIVER ONE LAST SCOOP TO THE PLANET BEFORE I RETIRE AND DEVOTE MY TIME TO BEING YOUR WIFE!

FOR WEEKS, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE GOLDEN DART, THE CRIMINAL WHO USES DARTS LIKE THIS TO DISPATCH HIS VICTIMS! IF I CAPTURE HIM WITHOUT YOUR HELP, I'LL BE CREDITED WITH THE STORY OF THE YEAR...AND I CAN QUIT HAPPILY!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, SWEETHEART! NOW I MUST TAKE OFF TO HANDLE SOME MATTERS BEFORE OUR WEDDING! SO LONG, LANA! SORRY THINGS WORKED OUT THIS WAY!
ER... THAT'S ALL RIGHT, SUPERMAN! I'M SURE I'LL GET OVER MY DISAPPOINTMENT!

BUT AS THE MAN OF STEEL STREAKS AWAY...

LOIS ACCEPTED ME! BUT I MUST PROD HER INTO AN IMMEDIATE MARRIAGE BECAUSE, IF I DELAY TOO LONG, SHE'S BOUND TO LEARN MY SECRET! HMM... I'VE AN IDEA HOW TO USE THIS BUSINESS OF THE GOLDEN DART TO RUSH LOIS INTO AN EARLY WEDDING!

PRESENTLY, AS THE GIRLS DRIVE BACK TO METROPOLIS...

LOOK, LOIS! MAYBE YOU'RE RUSHING INTO THIS THING TOO QUICKLY! WHY DID SUPERMAN SUDDENLY PROPOSE AFTER YEARS OF BACHELORHOOD? WHY IS HE NO LONGER WORRIED ABOUT HIS ENEMIES REVENGING THEMSELVES ON HIM BY STRIKING AT THE WOMAN HE MARRIES?

YOU JUST CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF MY MARRYING SUPERMAN! IF YOU HAD WON THAT COIN-TOSS, YOU'D BE ELOPING WITH HIM RIGHT NOW!

NEXT DAY, AT THE PLANET...

I'M CLEARING OUT MY DESK NOW, PERRY, BUT I'M NOT QUITTING TILL I BRING THE GOLDEN DART TO JUSTICE! BY THE WAY, THE WHOLE STAFF IS INVITED TO THE WEDDING!

THANKS, LOIS! BUT BE CAREFUL OF THAT KILLER! HE MIGHT GET YOU, TOO!

AS LOIS REPLIES, LITTLE DOES SHE REALIZE THAT SHE IS BEING OBSERVED...

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE GOLDEN DART! I'M SURE SUPERMAN WILL PROTECT ME!

OF COURSE! BUT FIRST I'LL USE SUPER-MAKEUP TO IMPERSONATE THE GOLDEN DART SO THAT "HE" CAN AMBUSH LOIS WHEN SHE COMES OUT OF THE PLANET BUILDING!

SHORTLY, AS LOIS LEAVES THE PLANET...

...! GASP!!... THE GOLDEN DART!

I HEAR YOU INTEND TO GET THE GOODS ON ME, MISS LANE! WELL, THAT DAY WILL NEVER COME BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY FIFTH VICTIM!

H-HE'S TRYING TO KILL ME! ONLY ONE PERSON CAN SAVE ME NOW!

SUPERMAN! HELP!

JUST THE REACTION I WAS HOPING FOR! ACTUALLY, LOIS IS IN NO DANGER! I'M USING SUPER-AIM TO MISS HER BY SCANT INCHES!

Zipp! Zipp! Zipp!

SUPERMAN WHERE ARE YOU? HELP! HELP!
I'LL PRETEND TO BE FRIGHTENED AWAY BY HER SCREAMS! THEN I'LL DUCK INTO A DESERTED HALLWAY AND SWITCH INSTANTLY BACK TO SUPERMAN!
ZIPP!

SECONDS LATER...
THERE! I'M RID OF THE GOLDEN DART COSTUME!
NOW TO CONVINCE LOIS THAT HER ONLY CHANCE OF ESCAPING DEATH IS TO FORGET ABOUT A FINAL SCOOP AND TO MARRY ME AT ONCE!

AN INSTANT AFTER...
SUPERMAN! THANK GOODNESS YOU HEARD MY CRIES! THE GOLDEN DART TRIED TO KILL ME, BUT HE RAN OFF WHEN HE HEARD ME CALL YOUR NAME!
I'LL SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH HIM LATER! BUT FIRST LET ME SHOW YOU HOW SAFE YOU'LL BE FROM ALL ENEMIES... MINE OR YOURS... ONCE YOU MARRY ME! I'LL WRAP MY INDESTRUCTIBLE CAPE AROUND YOU!

NOW YOU CAN'T BE HARMED BY A JOURNEY THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER...INTO THE PAST!
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THEN...
OKAY, LOIS! TAKE A LOOK AROUND! THIS IS THE WORLD OF THE ARABIAN NIGHTS! IF YOU WERE TO LIVE IN THE PAST, IN A BEAUTIFUL CASTLE WITH HUNDREDS OF GUARDS TO PROTECT YOU, WHO IN THE PRESENT COULD HARM YOU?
WHY... UH... NOBODY!
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RIGHT! IF YOU MARRY ME AT ONCE I CAN BRING YOU HERE INSTANTLY! I WILL VISIT YOU DAY AND NIGHT LIKE A MODERN HUSBAND COMMUTING FROM CITY TO SUBURB... EXCEPT THAT I'LL BE TRAVELING FROM THE PRESENT TO THE PAST!
WHAT AN INGENIOUS IDEA!

I'LL BE PERFECTLY SAFE HERE SINCE NONE OF YOUR ENEMIES...OR MINE... WILL KNOW YOU'VE HIDDEN ME IN THE PAST! OH, DARLING! I'LL PHONE DAD TONIGHT AND TELL HIM TO ARRANGE FOR A WEDDING TOMORROW!
IT WORKED! NOW WE'LL BE MARRIED BEFORE LOIS LEARNS MY DARK SECRET!
THAT NIGHT, IN LOIS' APARTMENT...
IT'S ALL SET, LANA! I SPOKE TO DAD! BY THIS TIME TOMORROW I'LL BE MRS. SUPERMAN, LIVING IN THE PAST IN A GORGEOUS CASTLE!
BUT YOU MUSTN'T MARRY HIM, LOIS! YOU'RE MAKING THE MISTAKE OF YOUR LIFE!
DON'T START THAT AGAIN, LANA! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR JEALOUS RAVINGS! I'M GOING TO PACK SOME THINGS IN THE NEXT ROOM! CALL ME WHEN SUPERMAN ARRIVES TO FLY ME TO MY DAD'S HOUSE!
SO LOVER-BOY IS DUE SHORTLY! OKAY! WHEN HE GETS HERE, I'LL TELL HIM I KNOW HIS SECRET AND TRY TO REASON WITH HIM!
MINUTES AFTER, AT LOIS' APARTMENT..
YOU! JUST THE PERSON I WANT TO SEE! LOOK... I'VE KNOWN YOUR SECRET FROM THE START AND YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS CRUEL TRICK! IF YOU WON'T TELL LOIS THE TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF, I WILL!
WHOOOOSH
AS LANA IS SNATCHED UP WITH LIGHTNING SPEED...
HEY! W-WHAT...
SORRY, LANA! I'VE GONE TOO FAR TO LET YOU THROW A MONKEY-WRENCH IN MY MARRIAGE PLANS!
JUST AS I INTEND TO KEEP LOIS IN THE PAST FOR HER OWN SAFETY... I'M GOING TO PUT YOU, LANA, IN THE FUTURE FOR MY SAFETY! WE'RE FLYING THROUGH THE BARRIER INTO THE 23rd CENTURY!
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SOON...
YOU WILL STAY HERE, LANA, TILL AFTER THE WEDDING! THEN I'LL RETURN TO FREE YOU!
NO! YOU MUSTN'T MARRY LOIS! YOU MUSTN'T!
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BUT A HALF HOUR LATER, BACK IN 1962, AS SUPERMAN FLIES LOIS TO HER HOME TOWN...

I FEEL SORRY FOR LANA, RUNNING OFF LIKE THAT WITHOUT EVEN WISHING ME LUCK! SHE MUST BE ALL BROKEN UP ABOUT THE IDEA OF ME MARRYING YOU!

I...UH...GUESS SHE IS, LOIS! BUT CHEER UP! BY NOON TOMORROW WE'LL BE TAKING OUR MARRIAGE VOWS!

THE NEXT DAY, AT THE HOME OF LOIS' PARENTS, AS THE WEDDING GUESTS GATHER...

ONE MORE POSE, SUPERMAN! THESE PICTURES WILL APPEAR IN EVERY NEWSPAPER IN THE WORLD!

LOOK, DARLING! THERE'S CLARK KENT! I THOUGHT CLARK WAS AWAY ON AN ASSIGNMENT AND WOULD MISS THE WEDDING! BUT APPARENTLY HE RETURNED IN THE NICK OF TIME!

HOLD YOUR BREATH, READER! IF CLARK KENT IS SUPERMAN, WHO IS MARRYING LOIS LANE? CAN YOU GUESS?

I'M GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT, CLARK...MAY I SEE YOU ALONE FOR A MOMENT? IT'S IMPORTANT!

HMM... JUDGING BY THIS FELLOW'S SUPER-GRIP, HE'S GOT GENUINE SUPER-STRENGTH! BUT MY SUPER-VISION TELLS ME WHO HE REALLY IS!

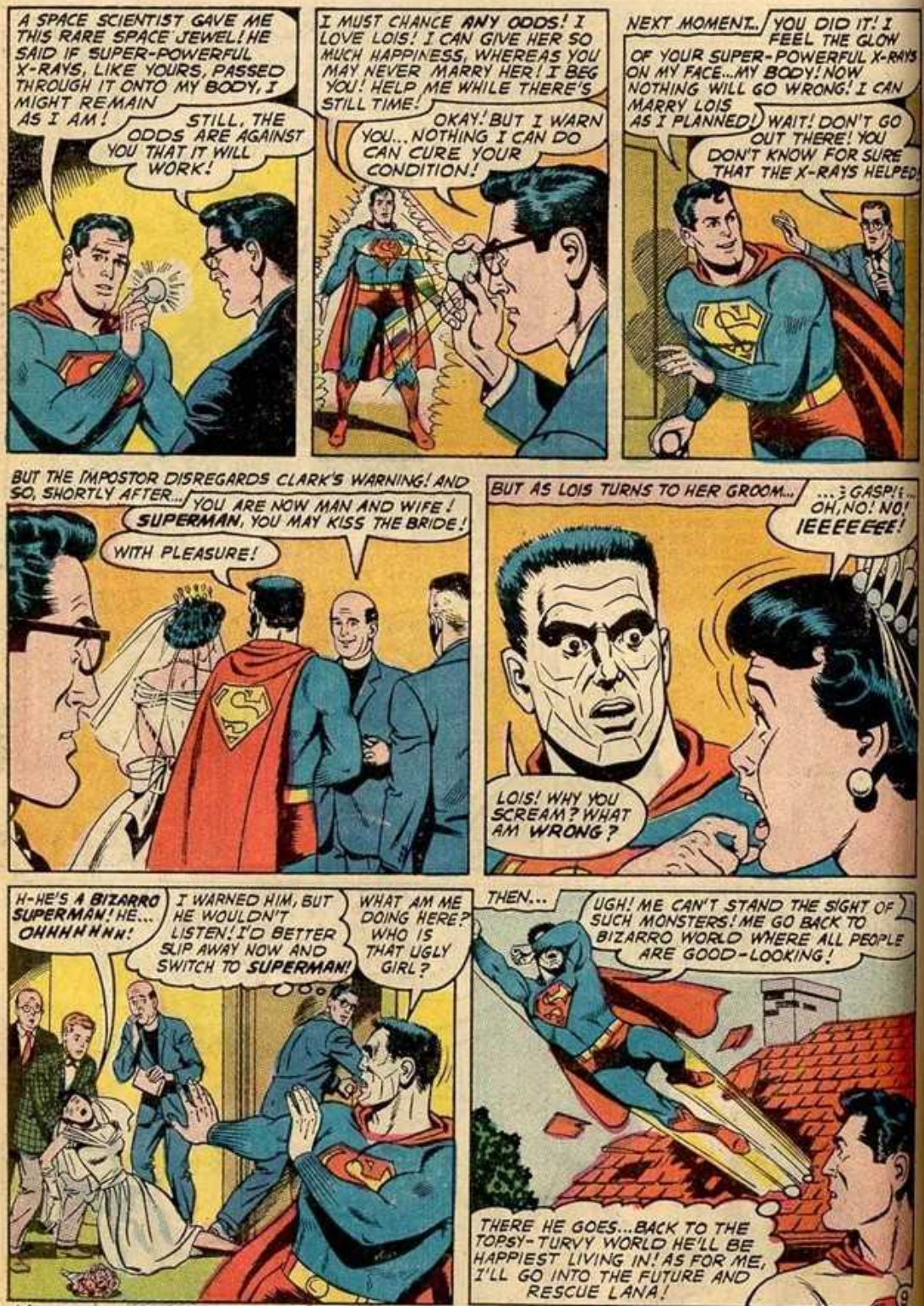
SHORTLY, IN THE ROOM ONCE USED BY LOIS AS A TEEN-AGER...

THERE'S NO USE PRETENDING TO YOU! I KNOW, MR. KENT, THAT YOU'RE THE REAL SUPERMAN! ASIDE FROM YOU, ONLY LANA LANG KNOWS I'M AN IMPOSTOR, AND I HID HER IN THE 23RD CENTURY TILL THE WEDDING IS OVER! YOU SEE, I KNEW WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO ME, SO I HAD TO MARRY LOIS BEFORE YOU RETURNED FROM EARTH'S CENTER AND EXPOSED ME AS A PHONY SUPERMAN!

I WAS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT SUPERGIRL AND THE SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD! BUT BEFORE I PROPOSED, I SCOUTED THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE WITH MY SUPER-VISION! I SAW THAT KANDOR'S MONITOR SYSTEM WASN'T WORKING AND SUPERGIRL WAS REPAIRING IT! SO MY IMPERSONATION WAS TEMPORARILY SAFE!

I MUST ADMIT YOU'RE THE BEST IMPOSTOR I'VE EVER SEEN! YOU'RE NOT A ROBOT! YOU'RE NOT FROM KANDOR! YOU'RE NOT WEARING A MASK!

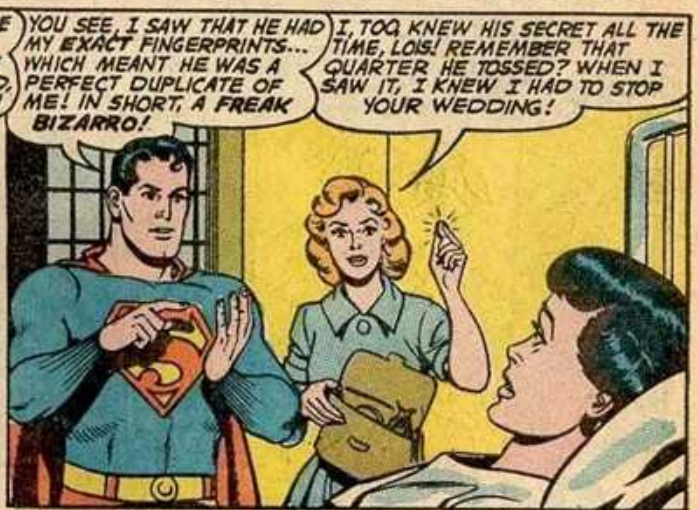
DON'T MOCK ME! I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHO I AM! BUT PLEASE...DON'T STOP THE WEDDING! I LOVE LOIS! I CAN MAKE HER HAPPY! JUST HELP ME AVOID THE TERRIBLE MOMENT THAT FACES ME!


A SPACE SCIENTIST GAVE ME THIS RARE SPACE JEWEL! HE SAID IF SUPER-POWERFUL X-RAYS, LIKE YOURS, PASSED THROUGH IT ONTO MY BODY, I MIGHT REMAIN AS I AM!
STILL, THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU THAT IT WILL WORK!
I MUST CHANCE ANY ODDS! I LOVE LOIS! I CAN GIVE HER SO MUCH HAPPINESS, WHEREAS YOU MAY NEVER MARRY HER! I BEG YOU! HELP ME WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME!
OKAY! BUT I WARN YOU... NOTHING I CAN DO CAN CURE YOUR CONDITION!
NEXT MOMENT..
YOU DID IT! I FEEL THE GLOW OF YOUR SUPER-POWERFUL X-RAYS ON MY FACE... MY BODY! NOW NOTHING WILL GO WRONG! I CAN MARRY LOIS AS I PLANNED!
WAIT! DON'T GO OUT THERE! YOU DON'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE X-RAYS HELPED!
BUT THE IMPOSTOR DISREGARDS CLARK'S WARNING! AND SO, SHORTLY AFTER...
YOU ARE NOW MAN AND WIFE! SUPERMAN, YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE!
WITH PLEASURE!
BUT AS LOIS TURNS TO HER GROOM...
...GASP!... OH, NO! NO! IEEEEEEE!
LOIS! WHY YOU SCREAM? WHAT AM WRONG?
H-HE'S A BIZARRO SUPERMAN! HE... OHHHHHHH!
I WARNED HIM, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN! I'D BETTER SLIP AWAY NOW AND SWITCH TO SUPERMAN!
WHAT AM ME DOING HERE? WHO IS THAT UGLY GIRL?
THEN...
UGH! ME CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF SUCH MONSTERS! ME GO BACK TO BIZARRO WORLD WHERE ALL PEOPLE ARE GOOD-LOOKING!
THERE HE GOES... BACK TO THE TOPSY-TURVY WORLD HE'LL BE HAPPIEST LIVING IN! AS FOR ME, I'LL GO INTO THE FUTURE AND RESCUE LANA!

NEXT DAY, AT THE HOSPITAL...
OHH... W-WHERE AM I? THAT HORRIBLE BIZARRO...
HE'S GONE, LOIS! IT ALL BEGAN WEEKS AGO ON THE BIZARRO WORLD! ONE DAY, WHILE THEY WERE MAKING MORE BIZARROS BY AIMING THEIR DUPLICATION RAY AT ME, A FREAK CREATURE CAME OUT OF THE DUPLICATOR TUBE!

"HE WAS A PERFECT SUPERMAN INSTEAD OF AN IMPERFECT IMITATION! HE HAD ALL OF MY MEMORIES AND FEELINGS!"
HIM UGLY FREAK... LOOK LIKE REAL SUPERMAN! BUT HIM NOT STAY THAT WAY! HAPPEN ONCE BEFORE! PERFECT APPEARANCE WILL WEAR OFF! THEN HIM LOOK LIKE US!
BIZARRO NO. 1

THE POOR FELLOW ROAMED THE UNIVERSE TRYING TO AVOID HIS FATE! HE THOUGHT A SCIENTIST'S SPACE JEWEL MIGHT DO THE TRICK... BUT IT FAILED, AS I KNEW IT WOULD, AFTER I HAD SPOTTED HIS IDENTITY WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION!


YOU SEE, I SAW THAT HE HAD MY EXACT FINGERPRINTS... WHICH MEANT HE WAS A PERFECT DUPLICATE OF ME! IN SHORT, A FREAK BIZARRO!
I, TOO, KNEW HIS SECRET ALL THE TIME, LOIS! REMEMBER THAT QUARTER HE TOSSED? WHEN I SAW IT, I KNEW I HAD TO STOP YOUR WEDDING!

GASP!... THE HEAD OF THAT COIN IS A BIZARRO-FACED GEORGE WASHINGTON!
THE GOOD ORGINAL OF THE COIN MUST'VE BEEN IN SUPERMAN'S POCKET WHEN THE BIZARRO'S DUPLICATOR RAY HIT HIM AND CREATED A BIZARRO-QUARTER DUPLICATE! I DIDN'T BLURT OUT THE TRUTH TILL SUPERMAN SHOWED UP, FOR FEAR HE MIGHT HARM YOU!
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SO YOU SEE, I WASN'T JEALOUS! BESIDES, IF THAT BIZARRO WAS A PERFECT DUPLICATE OF SUPERMAN, EVEN BRIEFLY, HE DID CARE ENOUGH TO MARRY ONE OF US!
I GET IT! SOME DAY SUPERMAN MIGHT ALSO TOSS A COIN! SO THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR US, LANA!

For Your Souvenir Scrapbook

These Replicas of the FIRST TWO LOIS ANNUALS!

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GENERAL MILLS

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

AN IMAGINARY STORY PART 1

CAN YOU IMAGINE SUPERMAN'S ARCH-FOE, CRIMINAL SCIENTIST LUTHOR, BEING A FORCE FOR GOOD, INSTEAD OF EVIL? CAN YOU IMAGINE LOIS... WHO ALWAYS WANTED TO MARRY THE MAN OF STEEL... MARRYING LUTHOR WILLINGLY, INSTEAD? WELL, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS GREAT IMAGINARY NOVEL -- WHICH SHOWS WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF LOIS HAD BECOME...

The BRIDE OF LUTHOR!

JEEPERS! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN LOIS WOULD JILT SUPERMAN AND MARRY LUTHOR... WHO HAS REFORMED!

HERE, SUPERMAN! THIS PIECE OF OUR WEDDING CAKE IS FOR YOU! THANKS AGAIN FOR BEING THE "BEST MAN"!

BEST MAN...! AND HE GOT HER!

EARLY ONE MORNING IN METROPOLIS, ON A DAY THAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE WALKS TOWARD THE DAILY PLANET...
EEEK!!
A METAL CLAW IS SNATCHING HER INTO THE ROCKET SHIP!

PROPELLED BY ATOMIC ENERGY, THE VESSEL STREAKS BILLIONS OF MILES ACROSS OUTER SPACE, THEN...
BEHOLD THE PLANET OMARK, BELOW! NOTE THAT ALMOST EVERY INCH OF THIS OVER-CROWDED WORLD IS COVERED BY WEIRD CASTLES!

WHEN I RETURN TO EARTH, I'LL TELL YOUR FRIEND, SUPERMAN, THAT IF HE OPPOSES MY CRIMES, YOU'LL DIE!--AND DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME BEGGING THOSE TELEPATHIC ALIENS TO HELP YOU! THERE'S NOT A THING THEY CAN DO FOR YOU!

SECONDS AFTERWARD, INSIDE THE VESSEL'S CONTROL-ROOM...
CHOKE! MY CAPTOR IS LEX LUTHOR, THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST WHO ESCAPED FROM PRISON A MONTH AGO!
WONDER WHERE I'M TAKING YOU, MISS LANE? YOU'LL SEE! HA, HA!

AS THE SHIP ALIGHTS...
THIS CASTLE LOOKS LIKE ALL THE OTHERS, DOESN'T IT? HOWEVER, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE! I CONSTRUCTED IT OF LEAD--WHICH SUPERMAN'S X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE! I'M GOING TO IMPRISON YOU HERE...

BUT THEN...
POOR, TORMENTED EARTHLING! HOW WE PITY YOU! DUE TO OUR POWERS, WE SENSE THAT A SPARK OF DECENCY STILL LINGERS IN THE DEPTHS OF YOUR BLACK, TREACHEROUS HEART! WE SHALL CURE YOU...
SHUT UP, YOU FREAKS...!!
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I'M HAPPY THE WAY I AM! DON'T PULL ANY FANCY TRICKS ON ME, OR I'LL DESTROY YOU ALL... YAAAGHH! M-MY MIND! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO...?
OUT EVIL... IN GOOD!
NO MORE VILLAINY!
NEXT MOMENT...
HATE... CUNNING... MENACE--ALL ARE GONE FROM LUTHOR'S FACE! NOW HE LOOKS... HUMBLE... AND KIND!... GASP!: WHAT AN AMAZING CHANGE!
THANK YOU...
RETURN TO YOUR WORLD --TO A NEW, WORTHY DESTINY!
SOON, EN ROUTE TO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM...
MY PAST NOW SEEMS... NIGHTMARISH! I'LL SURRENDER MYSELF TO THE LAW, MISS LANE. CAN YOU... FORGIVE ME?
OF COURSE-- CALL ME LOIS.
HMM... THE NEW LUTHOR IS... CHARMING!
PRESENTLY, ON EARTH, LUTHOR VISITS POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN METROPOLIS TO GIVE HIMSELF UP...
I WANT TO TELL YOU THE LOCATION OF MY GANG'S SECRET HEADQUARTERS, AND WHERE MY STOLEN LOOT IS HIDDEN. THEN YOU CAN PUT ME BACK IN THE STATE PRISON FROM WHICH I ESCAPED! I'VE REFORMED! I REALIZE NOW THAT CRIME DOES NOT PAY!
THIS MUST BE A TRICK!
HE'S SINCERE! YOU'LL SEE!
SHORTLY, AT THE ABANDONED MUSEUM WHICH SERVED AS THE LUTHOR MOB HIDEOUT...
WOW! I NEVER DREAMED I'D SEE LUTHOR HELPING THE LAW!
HE COULD HAVE REMAINED FREE, OUT OF JAIL, BUT HE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY-- EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE!
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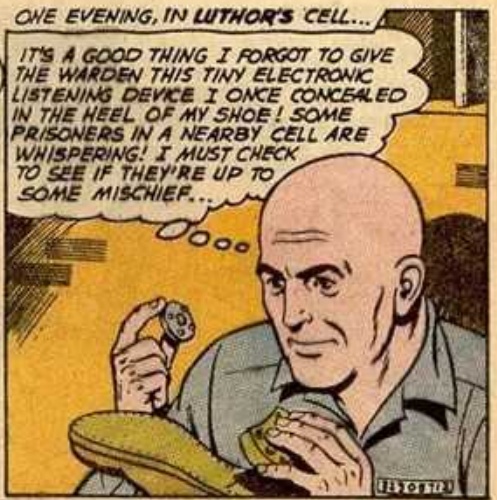
LATER, AS SUPERMAN VISITS THE PLANET...
I WONDER IF LUTHOR'S REFORMATION IS REALLY ON THE LEVEL! MAYBE...
HE GAVE HIMSELF UP! WHAT GREATER PROOF COULD YOU ASK...?!
LOIS DEFENDING LUTHOR, SUPERMAN'S ENEMY! THIS IS A TWIST!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, LOIS VISITS LUTHOR OFTEN AT THE PENITENTIARY...
CHOKE!... LOIS, SEEING YOU MEANS A LOT TO ME. BUT IF YOU STOP COMING, I'LL... UNDERSTAND... AFTER ALL, I USED TO BE THE WORLD'S WORST CRIMINAL!
NONSENSE! YOU'VE CHANGED! I LIKE THE NEW LUTHOR!

WHAT HE OVERHEARS...
THE GOVERNOR WILL DIE A FEW MINUTES FROM NOW--AT MIDNIGHT!
"SECOND-FLOOR CHARLIE" WILL KILL HIM, WHILE HE SLEEPS, FOR LETTING ONE OF OUR MOB DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

AFTER THE TUBE WINGS INTO LUTHOR'S CELL...
I ONCE PLANNED TO STEAL GOVERNOR WENTWORTH'S ART COLLECTION, SO I KNOW THE LOCATION OF HIS BEDROOM! I'VE MADE THE NECESSARY FOCUSING ADJUSTMENTS ON THE TUBE, WHICH IS A 3-D PICTURE PROJECTOR! I'M... READY!!


ONE EVENING, IN LUTHOR'S CELL...
IT'S A GOOD THING I FORGOT TO GIVE THE WARDEN THIS TINY ELECTRONIC LISTENING DEVICE I ONCE CONCEALED IN THE HEEL OF MY SHOE! SOME PRISONERS IN A NEARBY CELL ARE WHISPERING! I MUST CHECK TO SEE IF THEY'RE UP TO SOME MISCHIEF...

PROMPTLY, LUTHOR ACTS... PRESSING A BUTTON ON THE ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACTIVATES... PLAN FR 238W!... MILES AWAY, ON THE OUTSIDE OF MY FORMER MUSEUM HIDEOUT, AS THE JAWS OF A STONE GARGOYLE OPEN--OUT FLIES JET-PROPELLED "TUBE R"! IT'LL STREAK HERE, DRAWN BY THIS GADGET'S MOLECULAR ATTRACTION!

NEXT MOMENT, AS 'SECOND-FLOOR CHARLIE' ENTERS THE GOVERNOR'S BEDROOM...
AWP! SOMEBODY'S AWAKE IN THE ROOM! I'LL GET HIM!
BANG! BANG!

AS GOVERNOR WENTWORTH IS AWAKENED BY THE GUN-SHOTS...

HUH?--THE BODY ISN'T... SOLID! IT'S VANISHING!... DON'T SHOOT, GOVERNOR!

THE DISAPPEARING FORM... SAVED MY LIFE! I RECOGNIZE IT! IT'S... LUTHOR!

DAYS LATER, IN WENTWORTH'S OFFICE, AFTER AN INVESTIGATION BY THE GOVERNOR...

I AM PLEASED TO GIVE YOU A PARDON, LUTHOR. IT WAS BRILLIANT OF YOU TO FOIL THAT KILLER WITH A 3-D PROJECTION OF YOURSELF! YOU'RE A FREE MAN!

I'M THROUGH WITH CRIME FOREVER, SIR. FROM NOW ON, I'LL HELP, NOT HARM, SOCIETY!

TO CELEBRATE HIS RELEASE, LUTHOR TAKES LOIS TO DINNER...

NOW THAT YOU'VE CHANGED, YOU'RE SURE TO FIND HAPPINESS!

I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY WITHOUT--

--YOU!... MY PAST IS... BLACK! I'M AN EX-CONVICT. AM I ALSO A FOOL TO HOPE YOU COULD LEARN TO CARE FOR ME?

LEX, I...

FROM THE MOMENT MY THINKING WAS STRAIGHTENED OUT, I'VE THOUGHT DAY AND NIGHT OF YOUR BEAUTY, YOUR COURAGE, YOUR SWEETNESS! I WORSHIP YOU, DARLING! MARRY ME, AND I'LL TREAT YOU LIKE A QUEEN! I...

STOP...

I ADMIRE YOU, LEX. YOU'VE BECOME SWEET AND KIND, AND YOU ARE A REAL GENIUS! BUT...

YES, I SEE. SUPERMAN IS STILL THE TOP MAN IN YOUR LIFE--WELL, I TRIED! --I'LL... BURY MYSELF IN WORK...!

A WEEK LATER, AS LOIS IS RETURNING FROM AN ASSIGNMENT...
DRAT! MY CAR STALLED ON THIS LITTLE-TRAVELED ROAD. I PROMISED I'D GET BACK TO THE OFFICE IN TIME TO WRITE THE STORY FOR THE FINAL EDITION!
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE! SUPERMAN ALWAYS SAVES ME WHEN I'M IN DANGER! I'LL LEAP OFF THE CLIFF! AFTER HE STREAKS IN AND CATCHES ME, AS HE HAS DONE A THOUSAND TIMES, I'LL ASK HIM TO FLY ME TO THE OFFICE!
BUT TO LOIS' DISMAY...
GREAT SCOTT!
YIII-IIII! H-HE ISN'T CATCHING ME! HE'S FOOLED ME THIS TIME! --OH-HHHHH!
THAT WAVE SWEPT HER AGAINST THE ROCK! SHE WAS STRUCK A TERRIBLE BLOW!... I'VE CAUGHT HER! I'LL RUSH HER TO THE HOSPITAL!
AN HOUR LATER, AS LUTHOR WORKS IN THE LABORATORY HE HAS ESTABLISHED TO CREATE INVENTIONS THAT WILL BENEFIT MANKIND...
NEWS FLASH! REPORTER LOIS LANE IS DYING IN METROPOLIS HOSPITAL FROM A BRAIN INJURY...
NO!!
DESPERATELY, HE RUSHES TO THE HOSPITAL...
DOCTOR, YOU'VE GOT TO LET ME USE THIS NEW RAY I'VE INVENTED ON LOIS! WE CAN'T LET HER DIE!
GO AHEAD, LUTHOR. THERE'S NOTHING KNOWN TO SCIENCE THAT CAN SAVE HER...

SOON, IN THE OPERATING ROOM...
FOR YEARS, I INVENTED MONSTROUS DEVICES THAT PLAGUED HUMANITY!--I PRAY THAT THIS, MY FIRST INVENTION MADE FOR GOOD PURPOSES, WILL SAVE THE LIFE OF THE WOMAN I LOVE! IF MY THEORY IS CORRECT, THIS HEALING RAY WILL REPAIR THE DAMAGED BRAIN CELLS!
SHORTLY...
FANTASTIC! ACCORDING TO THE X-RAY FILM WE JUST TOOK, MISS LANE'S INJURED BRAIN TISSUE IS NOW HEALED! WHEN SHE AWAKENS, SHE'LL BE COMPLETELY NORMAL!
I'M...GLAD. PLEASE KEEP THE RAY. I'M DONATING IT TO SCIENCE--GOODBYE!
AFTER LUTHOR LEAVES, LOIS AWAKENS...
I REMEMBER FALLING TOWARD THE ROCKS, THEN I BLACKED OUT! I-I GUESS SUPERMAN SAVED ME AFTER ALL...
SUPERMAN? YOU'D BE DEAD IF IT WEREN'T FOR... LUTHOR!
AS THE NURSE EXPLAINS...
LUTHOR SAVED ME?? PERHAPS SUPERMAN DIDN'T RESCUE ME BECAUSE HE'S TIRED OF ME...OR MAYBE HE'S AWAY SOMEWHERE IN OUTER SPACE! SUDDENLY, I REALIZE WHAT AN IDIOT I'VE BEEN TO WASTE YEARS HOPING HE'D MARRY ME!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN LUTHOR'S LABORATORY...
HOW IRONIC! I'VE SAVED THE LIFE OF THE GIRL I LOVE SO SHE CAN MARRY SUPERMAN--THE MAN I ONCE HATED!--CHOKE!... ALL I WANT IS FOR HER TO BE HAPPY!
I'D BE PROUD TO BE YOUR WIFE, LEX DEAR! MARRY ME!
LOIS!--I SEE THEY TOLD YOU I SAVED YOUR LIFE. PLEASE DON'T OFFER TO MARRY ME OUT OF GRATITUDE...
GRATITUDE? DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! I'VE FINALLY COME TO MY SENSES...!

I'M PROPOSING TO YOU BECAUSE I WANT TO MARRY YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WHOLE, WIDE WORLD! GIVE IN?
BUT I-I'M OLDER THAN YOU! I'M NOT MUCH TO LOOK AT! I'VE NO PHYSIQUE LIKE SUPERMAN! I'M FAT...!
FRANK SINATRA HAS NO PHYSIQUE. HE'S AS SKINNY AS A BEANPOLE, BUT MILLIONS OF WOMEN ADORE HIM! LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING! I ADMIRE YOUR INTELLECT --AND YOU'VE A WONDERFUL PERSONALITY! ANY OTHER ESCAPE-CLAUSES?
I'M BALD!
YUL BRYNNER IS BALD--AND THE GIRLS SWOON OVER HIM! NOW LET'S NOT ARGUE! I'LL GET MY MOTHER'S WEDDING DRESS, WHICH I HAVE HOME IN MY HOPE CHEST, AND..
YOU'VE CONVINCED ME! LET'S ELOPE!! WE'LL PICK UP JIMMY OLSEN FOR A WITNESS, AND HEAD FOR A JUSTICE-OF-THE-PEACE!
PRESENTLY, AS A JUSTICE-OF-THE-PEACE CONCLUDES THE WEDDING CEREMONY...
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU, LOIS LANE, AND YOU, LEX LUTHOR, MAN AND WIFE!
STOP!!!
GREAT GUNS, LOIS--I JUST GOT BACK FROM OUTER SPACE AND TRACED YOU HERE! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE? I SUPPOSE LUTHOR'S "REFORMATION" IS ONLY A SHAM? YOU'D BE IN FOR A LIFE OF MISERY!
LOIS... YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!
:CHUCKLE:... YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, SUPERMAN! THEY'RE HAPPILY MARRIED. IT SHOULD ONLY HAPPEN TO ME AND LUCY LANE!
END OF PART I
NOW TURN TO PART II OF THIS GREAT IMAGINARY NOVEL, WHICH MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, BUT DIDN'T, FOR A HAUNTING, SMASH CONCLUSION YOU WON'T SOON FORGET!
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TEST YOUR LOIS LANE I.Q.

How much do you know about Lois? Try the twenty questions below. Then turn the magazine upside down to see the answers. A perfect score is 43; 35 is excellent and 30 is good. If you get less than 20, better bone up on your Lois Lore.

PART 1 MULTIPLE CHOICE - Score 1 point for each correct answer.

1. Lois made her first appearance with Superman in (A) ACTION No. 1 (B) SUPERMAN No. 3 (C) ACTION No. 41.

2. Lois once suspected Superman was really (A) Oliver Queen. (B) Hal Jordan (C) Bruce Wayne.

3. The first Lois Lane feature, without Superman, appeared in (A) SUPERMAN No. 28. (B) SHOWCASE No. 9 (C) ACTION No. 252.

4. Lois first met Linda (Supergirl) Lee (A) at Stanhope College. (B) when Linda worked at the Daily Planet one summer. (C) at Midvale Orphanage.

5. When Lois first met Superman, she thought he was (A) wonderful (B) modest (C) conceited.

6. When Lois was a small child, her life was saved by (A) Superbaby (B) Jonathan Kent (C) a toy from Krypton.

7. Lois' rival, Lana Lang, works for (A) the Daily Planet (B) station WMET-TV (C) the Picture News.

8. The first time Lois found out Superman loved her was when (A) he told her (B) she overheard him telling Batman (C) she read his mind.

9. When Lois entered an election and ran for a seat in the Senate, her campaign manager was (A) Mr. Mxyzptlk (B) Superman (C) Perry White

10. In a sequel to the imaginary story, "The Bride of Luthor," Lois' criminal son, Larry, wound up (A) in the Space Alcatraz (B) killed by the police (C) reformed and married to Superman's daughter.

11. To disguise Lois from a killer who was out to get her, Superman turned her into (A) a fat girl (B) an old hag (C) a bearded lady.

12. Lois has gone into the past to (A) discover Superman's identity (B) save Krypton from exploding (C) keep Lana from falling for Superboy.

PART 2 - Each of these questions has more than one answer. Score 1 point for each one you get.

13. Six different pencil artists have drawn Lois' adventures in her own magazine. How many can you name?

14. Including her SHOWCASE tryouts, Lois' magazines have had five different cover artists. Can you name them all?

15. This is the seventh GIANT LOIS LANE issue. How many of the themes of the other six can you recall?

16. There were three stories in Lois' first SHOWCASE tryout. You're a real expert if you can recall all the titles. How about it?

17. There were also three adventures in LOIS LANE No. 1 Can you name them?

18. Two actresses portrayed Lois Lane on the live-action TV series. Who were they?

19. There have been two Broadway musicals featuring characters named Lois Lane. Know what they were?

20. Besides Lois and Lana, Superman has come close to marrying four other girls with the initials "L.L." What were their full names?

ANSWERS

PART 1 — 1-A, 2-C, 3-A, (Those short features also appeared in SUPERMAN Nos. 29 through 40 and 42.) 4-B, 5-C, 6-C; this story is featured in the August issue of LOIS LANE. 7-B, 8-C, 9-A, 10-C, 11-A, 12-B and C are correct; and in both cases, she failed.

PART 2 — 13-John Forte, Irv Novick, Wayne Boring, Al Plastino, Kurt Schaffenberger and Curtis Swan. 14-Neal Adams, Irv Novick, Al Plastino, Kurt Schaffenberger and Curtis Swan. 15-The first two were both devoted to Lois' greatest adventures and strangest roles; then came an issue co-starring Lana Lang; an issue which featured Superman's other girl friends; an edition full of Lois' romances with other men; and Lois' greatest shocks. 16-SHOWCASE No. 9 featured "The Girl from Superman's Past"; "The New Lois Lane"; and "Mrs. Superman." 17-LOIS No. 1 included "The Bombshell of the Boulevards,"; "Lois Lane, Superchief"; and "The Witch of Metropolis." 18-Phyllis Coates and Noel Neill. 19-The first was "Kiss Me, Kate," in which a Shakespearean actress(the second lead) was named Lois Lane; the second, of course, was "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Superman!" 20-Lori Lemaris, the mermaid; Lyla Lerrol, of Krypton; Luma Lynai, a super-heroine of another world; and Lyrica Lloyd, an actress who died.

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

PART II

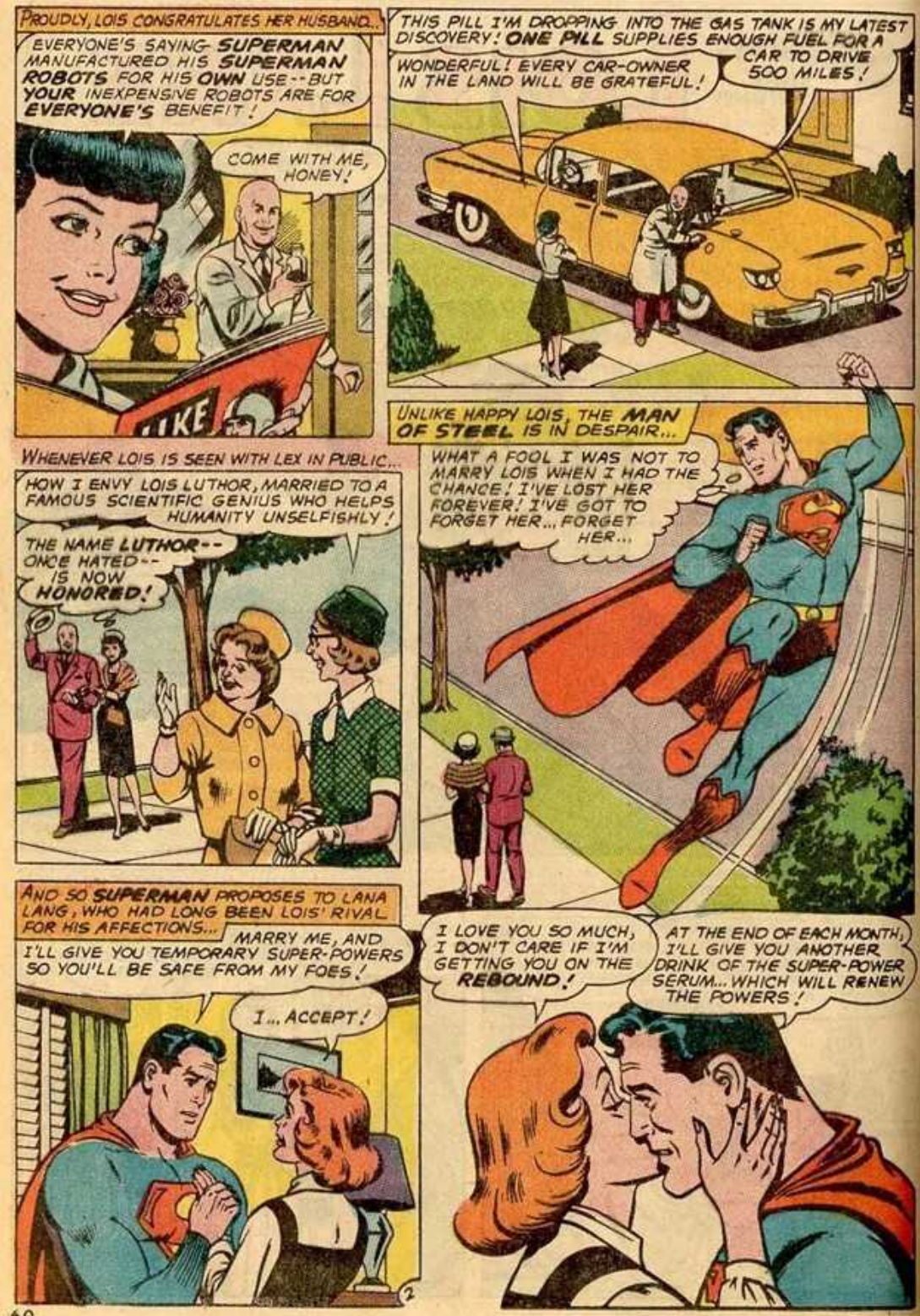
IN THE FINAL EPISODE OF THIS ASTOUNDING **IMAGINARY NOVEL**--(WHICH MAY **NEVER** HAPPEN, BUT THEN AGAIN **MAY!**) WE LEARN WHAT HAPPENS TO LOIS AND LUTHOR **AFTER** THEY MARRY! DO THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER? OR DO LUTHOR'S OLD SINS RISE GHOST-LIKE OUT OF THE PAST TO DESTROY THEIR BLISS? IRONICALLY, AS YOU WILL SEE, THEIR LIVES ARE RUINED BY THE ONE PERSON ON EARTH THEY LOVE THE MOST...

The SON OF LUTHOR!

STOP IT, LARRY! **STOP! STOP!** YOU'RE KILLING **SUPERMAN** WITH THAT **KRYPTONITE RAY!**
IT'S EITHER HIM OR ME, MOM! **SUPERMAN** MAY TRY TO PREVENT ME FROM BECOMING A GREATER CRIMINAL GENIUS THAN DAD EVER WAS, SO... **HE'S** GOT TO GO! HA, HA, HA!

MONTHS PASS--IN OUR IMAGINARY TALE--AND TO LOIS' GREAT HAPPINESS, HER MARRIAGE TO LEX LUTHOR IS IDEAL...! LET'S LOOK INTO THE LABORATORY AT THEIR HOME...
MY NEWEST INVENTION, DARLING, IS A CHEAP, INEXPENSIVE ROBOT ANYONE CAN AFFORD TO BUY! LIKE IT?
WHAT A BLESSING IT WILL BE TO HOUSEWIVES!

SOON, EVERY HOUSEHOLD HAS A ROBOT OF ITS OWN...
DEAR, YOU LOOK LOVELY... AND THE HOUSE IS SPOTLESS!
BLESS **LUTHOR!** FORMERLY, WIVES LIKE ME WERE WORN OUT FROM HOUSE CLEANING! NOWADAYS ROBOTS DO **ALL** THE HEAVY LABOR!


PROUDLY, LOIS CONGRATULATES HER HUSBAND...
EVERYONE'S SAYING SUPERMAN MANUFACTURED HIS SUPERMAN ROBOTS FOR HIS OWN USE--BUT YOUR INEXPENSIVE ROBOTS ARE FOR EVERYONE'S BENEFIT!
COME WITH ME, HONEY!
THIS PILL I'M DROPPING INTO THE GAS TANK IS MY LATEST DISCOVERY! ONE PILL SUPPLIES ENOUGH FUEL FOR A CAR TO DRIVE 500 MILES!
WONDERFUL! EVERY CAR-OWNER IN THE LAND WILL BE GRATEFUL!
UNLIKE HAPPY LOIS, THE MAN OF STEEL IS IN DESPAIR...
WHAT A FOOL I WAS NOT TO MARRY LOIS WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE! I'VE LOST HER FOREVER! I'VE GOT TO FORGET HER... FORGET HER...
WHENEVER LOIS IS SEEN WITH LEX IN PUBLIC...
HOW I ENVY LOIS LUTHOR, MARRIED TO A FAMOUS SCIENTIFIC GENIUS WHO HELPS HUMANITY UNSELFISHLY!
THE NAME LUTHOR--ONCE HATED--IS NOW HONORED!
AND SO SUPERMAN PROPOSES TO LANA LANG, WHO HAD LONG BEEN LOIS' RIVAL FOR HIS AFFECTIONS...
MARRY ME, AND I'LL GIVE YOU TEMPORARY SUPER-POWERS SO YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM MY FOES!
I... ACCEPT!
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, I DON'T CARE IF I'M GETTING YOU ON THE REBOUND!
AT THE END OF EACH MONTH, I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER DRINK OF THE SUPER-POWER SERUM... WHICH WILL RENEW THE POWERS!

AFTER LANA BECOMES MRS. SUPERMAN AND GAINS SUPER-POWERS...
SUPERMAN AND SUPER-LANA ARE PATROLLING METROPOLIS TOGETHER! IF YOU HADN'T MARRIED ME, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIS SUPER-BRIDE!
WHO CARES? I'M HAPPY WITH YOU!
YOU'RE GOOD NOW! FORGET THE UGLY YESTERDAYS! TODAY EVERYONE ADMIRES AND RESPECTS YOU... AND I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART!
YOU'RE THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME, LOIS! OH, HOW I LOVE YOU...

BUT IT ISN'T ALWAYS SWEETNESS AND LIGHT...
;CHOKE!--I CAN'T FORGET MY EVIL PAST!...WHEN I RECALL MY TERRIBLE CRIMES BEFORE I WENT STRAIGHT...
YOU WERE A DIFFERENT PERSON THEN, LEX, DEAR! PLEASE STOP TORMENTING YOURSELF...

ONE MARVELOUS DAY, YEARS LATER...
YOU'VE GIVEN ME A SON! I NEVER EXPECTED TO KNOW SUCH HAPPINESS!
WE'LL CALL HIM... LARRY! LIKE YOU, HE'LL BECOME A GREAT SCIENTIST...AND BENEFIT MANKIND! WE'LL BE SO PROUD OF HIM...

TWO MORE YEARS PASS...
LARRY, GET AWAY FROM THOSE TEST-TUBES!
;CHUCKLE!--ONE OF THESE DAY'S HE'LL BE THE BIG SCIENTIST AROUND HERE, AND I'LL BE THE ONE WHO GETS IN THE WAY... HA, HA!

THE YEARS SPEED BY, AND ON THEIR FIFTEENTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...
SURPRISE, DARLING! AN ANNIVERSARY CAKE!
THANK YOU, DEAR, AND I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU, TOO! CLOSE YOUR EYES AND STEP INTO THAT CABINET...

AS LOIS OBEYS...
WHAT'S HAPPENING, HONEY? I FEEL... STRANGE?
YOU CAN STEP OUT NOW, AND OPEN YOUR EYES!
A MOMENT LATER...
I FEEL SO-- DIFFERENT!
LOOK INTO THE FULL-LENGTH LAB MIRROR, AND SEE MY ANNIVERSARY GIFT TO YOU!
GASP!!--I'M SLENDER AGAIN--MY WRINKLES ARE GONE!
I HAVE GIVEN YOU THE GIFT OF ETERNAL YOUTH, DARLING! THERE WAS ONLY ENOUGH OF THE RARE YOUTH-ALLOY TO GRANT THIS BOON TO ONE PERSON--YOU!
OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, LEX, DARLING! ETERNAL YOUTH AND BEAUTY! WHAT WOMAN COULD ASK FOR MORE!
LOVELINESS AND SWEETNESS LIKE YOURS, SHOULD NEVER DIE! AND NOW, IT WON'T!
SEVERAL YEARS AFTERWARD, LOIS VISITS THE DAILY PLANET...
JIMMY OLSEN IS NOW THE NEWSPAPER'S MIDDLE-AGED, PAUNCHY EDITOR! PERRY WHITE, GRAY-HAIRED AND RETIRED, IS ALSO VISITING TODAY! YET, I'M AS YOUNG AS EVER...!
JAMES OLSEN EDITOR
WHEN SHE RETURNS HOME...
YOU LOOK YOUNG, MOM, BUT YOU'VE GOT OLD IDEAS! WE LIKE "KICKS"! IS THAT A CRIME? GET OFF MY BACK!
LARRY, I DON'T LIKE THE WILD CROWD YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND WITH!
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AN HOUR LATER...

WHY IS THAT ROOM'S DOOR ALWAYS LOCKED? WHY WAS I NEVER ALLOWED TO ENTER?

YOUR FATHER WILL TELL YOU... SOMEDAY!

INSIDE THAT DOOR IS A COMPLETE RECORD OF LEX'S CRIMINAL PAST!

NEXT DAY...

FORCING OPEN THIS DOOR'S LOCK IS A BREEZE! ONCE AND FOR ALL, I'M GOING TO DISCOVER WHAT THEY'VE BEEN HIDING FROM ME ALL THESE YEARS!

SNAP

SOON, INSIDE THE ROOM...

SIZZLING PLANETS! I THOUGHT DAD WAS ALWAYS A HARMLESS CHARACTER, BUT ACCORDING TO THESE OLD NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS.. **WOW**-- THIS NOTE SHOWS HOW HE CONSTRUCTED MANY OF HIS MYSTERY WEAPONS!

SCRAP BOOK

SLIDE

DISCOVERING COLOR-SLIDES, LARRY LUTHOR PROJECTS THEM...

DAD PHOTOGRAPHED THESE SCENES OF HIMSELF BATTLING **SUPERMAN**, OFF THE SCREEN OF A **TIMESCOPE** MACHINE! HERE HE'S BOMBARDING **SUPERMAN** WITH ALL KINDS OF KRYPTONITE!

THIS SCENE SHOWS DAD ORDERING HIS ALLIES, **GREEN KRYPTONITE MEN** FROM SPACE, TO CONQUER **SUPERMAN** WHEN HE WAS **SUPERBOY!** **SUPERBOY**'S POWERS WERE NO MATCH AGAINST THE DEADLY KRYPTONITE FOES! TOO BAD **LIGHTNING LAD** HELPED HIM TO ESCAPE!

LARRY!!

HOW **DARE** YOU FORCE YOUR WAY INTO THIS ROOM! DON'T YOU **EVER** DO THIS AGAIN! NOT A WORD OF THIS TO YOUR FATHER, UNDERSTAND?

OKAY, OKAY, I WAS JUST CURIOUS, THAT'S ALL!

I'LL HIDE THIS SHEET!

WE PLANNED TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THIS SOMEDAY! YOUR FATHER REGRETS HIS CRIMES DEEPLY! HE'S PAID HIS DEBT TO SOCIETY A THOUSAND TIMES OVER! HE'D FEEL VERY HURT IF HE KNEW THAT YOU...

I'LL KEEP MUM!

SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN THEIR HOME LABORATORY...

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING, LARRY?

ER...A PROJECT FOR SCHOOL! NOTHING YOU'D BE INTERESTED IN, MOM!

BUT THEN...

THIS SHEET OUTLINES HOW TO BUILD A...**PARALYSIS RAY!** IT'S IN LEX'S HANDWRITING!--CHOKE--YOU STOLE IT FROM DAD'S FORBIDDEN ROOM! SON, **WHY** ARE YOU BUILDING THIS TERRIBLE WEAPON?

STOP BUGGING ME!

LARRY! AS YOUR MOTHER, I DEMAND TO **KNOW!**

DAD WAS OKAY UNTIL HE TURNED CHICKEN! ME...I'M A THOUSAND TIMES SMARTER AND TOUGHER THAN HE EVER WAS! WHAT I'M PLANNING IS **MY** BUSINESS! NOW GET OUT OF MY WAY...!

SHALL I TELL LEX WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR SON? NO; IT WOULD BREAK HIS HEART! MAYBE LARRY WILL COME TO HIS SENSES! HE'S **GOT** TO! IF ONLY HE WEREN'T SO HEADSTRONG, SO REBELLIOUS!

A MONTH LATER, AS **SUPERMAN** PATROLS **METROPOLIS**...

THAT ROCKET SHIP'S TRYING TO STEAL AN ARMORED CAR WITH AN **ANTI-GRAVITY RAY!**

AWP!...IT'S **S-SUPERMAN!**--I SURRENDER!!

SHORTLY, AT LOIS' HOME...
LOIS, I'M LETTING YOUR SON GO BECAUSE OF MY FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU! BUT IF HE EVER BREAKS THE LAW AGAIN...!
HE WON'T!!
SOME OF MY PALS ARE IN PRISON ON A BUM RAP! WHEN THEY GET OUT, I'LL MAKE HISTORY, SEE? YOUR SON'S GONNA BE THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC CROOK OF ALL TIME! BIGGER EVEN THAN POPS EVER WAS!
LARRY! PROMISE ME YOU'LL...
I'LL PROMISE YOU NOTHING!! DID YOU HAVE TO CRAWL BEFORE SUPERMAN... MY FATHER'S OLD ENEMY?... YOU MAKE ME SICK!
THAT EVENING, AT DINNER...
HOW LUCKY I AM TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL FAMILY!
HOW CORNY CAN YOU GET? HA, HA!
MUSTN'T... CRY! GOT TO... KEEP SMILING! I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TELL LEX THE TRUTH ABOUT LARRY... YET...
A WEEK LATER, AS LEX TESTS AN "EYE-IN-THE-SKY" SPY-DEVICE INVENTION HE PLANS TO GIVE THE F.B.I....
THE SKY-EYE CAN ALERT THE LAW TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES! ...IT'S STREAKING NEAR SPACE ALCATRAZ, WHERE THE WORST CROOKS ARE IMPRISONED!
OH-OH! THE SKY-EYE'S TELESCOPIC LENS REVEALS SOMEONE'S ATTACKING THE GUARD IN CHARGE OF THE ZONE OF FORCE EQUIPMENT WHICH KEEPS SPACE ALCATRAZ ALOFT... GREAT SCOTT! A CLOSEUP SHOT DISCLOSES THE ATTACKER IS LARRY!!

QUICKLY, LEX ADJUSTS THE DIALS ON A TELEPORT RAY, THEN...
MY SON... A CRIMINAL? ;CHOKE; I DON'T KNOW WHY LARRY IS DOING THIS TERRIBLE THING, BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM STOP!
NEXT INSTANT, LEX MATERIALIZES BESIDE LARRY...
LARRY, HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
AFTER I LOWER SPACE ALCATRAZ TO EARTH, I'LL STUN THE PRISON GUARDS WITH A PARALYSIS-RAY, FREE MY IMPRISONED BUDDIES, THEN BECOME A BIG-SHOT CROOK LIKE YOU ONCE WERE!
DANGER
I WON'T LET YOU SPOIL YOUR LIFE, AS I DID MINE! GET AWAY FROM THAT MACHINE!
I WARN YOU, POPS, GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, OR...
ANGRILY, LARRY SHOVES HIS FATHER AWAY FROM HIM, AND...
YAA-AAGHH!
DAD!!
HE FELL AGAINST AN ELECTRODE!
DANGER
UP TOWARD OUTER SPACE FLEES LARRY...
HE'S... DEAD! ELECTROCUTED! IT'S MY FAULT! IF I HADN'T PUSHED HIM! --I-I'VE GOT TO-- GET AWAY! I'LL ESCAPE IN MY ROCKET SHIP!
THE PRISON TELESCOPIC-VIEWER SAW IT ALL, WARDEN! YOUNG LARRY LUTHOR KILLED HIS FATHER! SHALL WE...
TELECAST AN ALARM!

PRESENTLY, AFTER LOIS IS SUMMONED...
LEX!!! ;SOB;
APPARENTLY LARRY LUTHOR HAS DECIDED TO BECOME A GREATER SCIENTIFIC CRIMINAL THAN LEX LUTHOR USED TO BE! IRONICALLY, HIS REFORMED FATHER WAS THE BOY'S FIRST VICTIM!
ALREADY, THEY'RE CALLING THE BOY ..."BLACK LUTHOR"!
I'M SORRY, LOIS, BUT I'VE GOT TO FIND YOUR SON AND BRING HIM BACK TO JUSTICE!
;SOB, SOB!;
MEANWHILE, AS LARRY LUTHOR'S VESSEL SPEEDS TOWARD A DISTANT GALAXY...
NO ONE WILL EVER CATCH ME! I'VE GOT LOTS OF TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE!
AND HERE'S ONE OF THEM... A TOUCH OF THE BUTTON, AND THE SHIP BECOMES...INVISIBLE! HA, HA! SOMEDAY I'LL ACHIEVE WHAT DAD NEVER COULD! I'LL RULE THE EARTH!
BACK ON EARTH...
THERE GOES SUPERMAN TO CAPTURE MY BOY! ;CHOKE;...
SO ONCE AGAIN THE NAME OF LUTHOR STANDS FOR--BLACK VILLAINY...THE SINS OF THE FATHER ARE VISITED UPON THE SON...!
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IF ONLY I COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND CHANGE THINGS!--;SOB! MARRYING LEX WAS A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!--WHY DID I DO IT?--WHY? WHY?? ;SOB!;...
WELL, LET'S NOT FEEL TOO BADLY! AFTER ALL, THIS IS JUST AN IMAGINARY STORY, WHICH DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAPPEN! THE GIRL LUTHOR REALLY MARRIED WAS ARDORA, OF THE PLANET LEXOR!
The End

SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND LOIS LANE

TEARS WILL GET YOU NOWHERE, MY DEAR LOIS! OUR BARGAIN IS SEALED! FIVE MINUTES AFTER YOU MARRY **SUPERMAN**, YOU'LL JOIN THE OTHER LOST SOULS IN THIS LITTLE BOX!

PICTURE IT FOR YOURSELF! THE MOST GLORIOUS DAY IN THE LIFE OF LOIS LANE IS HERE AT LAST...THE DAY SHE IS TO MARRY THE MAN SHE HAS ADORED FOR SO LONG...THE MIGHTY **SUPERMAN!** YET THERE LOIS SITS, BROKEN-HEARTED AND WEEPING! BUT **WHY?** AS MRS. **SUPERMAN**, SHE'D BE ENVIED BY EVERY GIRL IN THE WORLD! BUT WOULD THEY ENVY HER IF THEY KNEW THE MARRIAGE WAS THE RESULT OF A CONTRACT SIGNED BY...

The DEVIL and LOIS LANE!

The Great Ambition Of my Life Is Someday to be Superman's Wife. If the Devil helps Me reach this Goal, I, The Undersigned, Pledge my Soul.

Signed Lois Lane

Witness: Satan Prince of Darkness

SOB!... OH, **SUPERMAN**, YOU'VE RESCUED ME FROM A THOUSAND DANGERS! BUT NOT EVEN YOUR MIGHTY POWERS CAN SAVE ME NOW! CHOKE!

ONE NIGHT, AS REPORTERS JIMMY OLSEN AND LOIS LANE VISIT THE OPERA...

AFTER WORKING A WEEK ON THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE "**SCARFACE**" **MALONE** GANG, I'M BUSHED! AN EVENING AT THE OPERA OUGHT TO HELP ME RELAX, LOIS!

MY COLLEGE BOY-FRIEND, LANCE JASON, SENT ME THE TICKETS, JIMMY! HE'S SINGING IN THE STAR ROLE TONIGHT!

LANCE JASON as MEPHISTOPHELES IN GOUNOD'S FAUST

AS THE OPERA BEGINS...

THERE'S LANCE NOW, SINGING THE ROLE OF THE DEVIL, **MEPHISTOPHELES**, AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF FLAMES!

ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM, FAUST IS SELLING HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL IN RETURN FOR HIS LOST YOUTH!

FAUST

AS THE OPERA CONTINUES...
NOW MEPHISTOPHELES IS USING BLACK MAGIC TO SUMMON HELEN OF TROY FROM THE PAST, SO THAT FAUST COULD PROPOSE TO HER!
HELEN OF TROY! WOW! NO WONDER FAUST SIGNED HIS SOUL AWAY!

LATER, AS LOIS VISITS HER OLD BOY-FRIEND BACKSTAGE...
LOIS, YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER! WHEN WE WERE IN COLLEGE, I THOUGHT YOU'D MARRY ME, BUT I ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOU HAD A SECRET ROMANCE!
I MUST ADMIT THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN SOMEONE ELSE, LANCE!

IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
FIRE! FIRE!
THE FUEL TANK WE USE IN MY ACT JUST ACCIDENTALLY EXPLODED!
GULP! I'D BETTER CALL SUPERMAN ON MY SUPER-SONIC WATCH!
ZEE-ZEE-ZEE!

WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, SUPERMAN RESPONDS TO THE CALL...
I'LL PUT OUT THE FLAMES WITH A PUFF OF MY SUPER-BREATH!
PUFF!

AS SUPERMAN LEAVES...
THERE HE IS... THE MAN I LOVE! AFTER SEEING YOUR OPERA, I'D SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL, LIKE FAUST, FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
I SEE! WHO KNOWS, MY DEAR... THE DEVIL MIGHT CONSIDER THAT A GOOD BARGAIN!

LATER, AS JIMMY ESCORTS LOIS HOME...
WELL, I'D BETTER GET BACK! GOOD NIGHT, LOIS! I HOPE THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAUNT YOUR DREAMS! HA, HA!
NOT A CHANCE! THE ONLY MAN I EVER DREAM ABOUT IS SUPERMAN!

BUT AS LOIS ENTERS HER APARTMENT...
ULP! THAT WEIRD CHARACTER SUDDENLY MATERIALIZED FROM THAT PUFF OF SMOKE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHO ARE YOU?
SATAN... LUCIFER... MEPHISTOPHELES ...I HAVE MANY NAMES, MY DEAR! TAKE YOUR CHOICE!
EARLIER THIS EVENING, YOU MENTIONED A BUSINESS PROPOSITION THAT INTERESTED ME! YOU OFFERED TO TRADE YOUR SOUL TO BECOME SUPERMAN'S WIFE!
COME NOW, ENOUGH OF THAT SUPERSTITIOUS DRIVEL! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE DEVIL!
THIS CHARACTER REMINDS ME OF MY FRIEND, LANCE JASON, IN HIS COSTUME... I WONDER!
The Great Ambition Of my Life Is Someday to be Superman's Wife. If The Devil helps Me reach this Goal, I, the Undersigned, Pledge my Soul. Signed
AN INSTANT AFTERWARDS...
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE DEVIL? I'LL USE MY BLACK MAGIC TO IGNITE THOSE LOGS!
GASP!... ALL RIGHT, I'M CONVINCED!
NOW I'M SURE HE'S LANCE! AS AN ACTOR, HE PROBABLY MASTERED TRICKS OF MAGIC! HE MUST HAVE DONE THAT STUNT WITH PHOSPHOROUS POWDER!
HE'S A PHONEY, BUT I'LL GO ALONG WITH THE GAG!
PLEASE READ THE CONTRACT!
ALL RIGHT, IT'S A DEAL! MY SOUL FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
The Great Ambition Of my Life Is Someday to be Superman's Wife. If the Devil helps Me reach this Goal, I, the Undersigned, Pledge my Soul. Signed
Witness: Satan, Prince of Darkness
WHAT AMATEURISH POETRY!
ER... DON'T I HAVE TO SIGN THIS IN BLOOD? HA, HA!
PEN AND INK WILL DO NICELY, MY DEAR! WE HAVEN'T USED THAT BLOOD ROUTINE SINCE THE 16TH CENTURY, YOU KNOW!
AS LOIS SIGNS THE CONTRACT...
ALL RIGHT, CUT THE COMEDY, FRIEND! I SEE THROUGH YOUR LITTLE ACT! YOU'RE LANCE JASON!
SO YOU STILL... ER... DOUBT MY IDENTITY? PERMIT ME TO OFFER THIS LITTLE BOX AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE!
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THOSE TINY FIGURES! IT'S "SCARFACE" MALONE AND HIS GANG! THEY DISAPPEARED A WEEK AGO AFTER A BIG BANK ROBBERY!

AH, YES! THE WRETCHES TRADED THEIR SOULS FOR A MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH I HELPED THEM STEAL FROM A BANK! BUT I COLLECTED MY FEE AS THEY COUNTED THEIR LOOT!

THEN YOU REALLY ARE THE DEVIL! I... I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE! THE DEAL IS OFF! GIVE ME BACK THAT CONTRACT!

TUT, TUT, MY DEAR! YOU CAN'T BACK OUT NOW! A BARGAIN IS A BARGAIN!

AS LOIS' VISITOR VANISHES IN A PUFF OF SMOKE...

GOODBYE FOR NOW, MISS LANE! I HOPE YOU WILL NOT REGRET OUR TRANSACTION!

CHOKE!... WHAT HAVE I DONE? THIS CAN'T BE TRUE! IT MUST BE SOME TERRIBLE ILLUSION! A NIGHTMARE!

TWO DAYS LATER, AS LOIS FLIES TO COVER A STORY ABOUT AN ERUPTING VOLCANO...

IT'S BEEN DAYS SINCE THAT SATAN CHARACTER GOT ME TO SIGN THAT CONTRACT! NOTHING'S HAPPENED! IT WAS PROBABLY A FIGMENT OF MY IMAGINATION! HMM... THIS 'COPTER I RENTED AT THE JET AIRPORT WHERE I LANDED IS SURE SMOOTH!

BUT LATER, AS LOIS DARINGLY PHOTOGRAPHS THE FLAMING DEPTHS OF THE VOLCANO...

MISS LANE! HOW NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN OUR AGREEMENT! SUPERMAN WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT TO PROPOSE!

URGG! IT'S HIM AGAIN, STANDING THERE IN THE BOILING LAVA! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

TERRIFIED, LOIS FLEES, BUT SUDDENLY...

THE LEDGE! IT'S COLLAPSING UNDER ME! HELP!

BUT LIKE A STREAK OF LIGHT, SUPERMAN APPEARS FROM NOWHERE...
SUPERMAN! THANK HEAVENS! YOU CAUGHT ME JUST IN TIME!
LOIS! ;CHOKE:! ...YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!

LOOK, LOIS, THERE'S A PITCHFORK LYING THERE JUST WHERE THE LEDGE BROKE OFF!
ULP! THE DEVIL USED THAT PITCHFORK TO SHATTER THE LEDGE! HE KNEW SUPERMAN WOULD COME TO SAVE ME!

AND THE DEVIL'S CUNNING PLAN SEEMS TO BEAR FRUIT...
LOIS, THAT NARROW ESCAPE MADE ME REALIZE HOW DEEPLY I CARE FOR YOU! MARRY ME AND I'LL GUARD YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
SUPERMAN, WE MUSTN'T BE HASTY ABOUT THIS!
SUPERMAN'S PROPOSING JUST AS SATAN SAID HE WOULD! I CAN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIM LIKE THAT!

THERE'S SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU! I HIRED A...SORCERER TO PUT A SPELL ON YOU SO YOU WOULD PROPOSE! I'M NOT WORTHY OF YOU OR YOUR LOVE!
LOIS, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD DO SUCH A THING! NOW WATCH WHILE I SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!

USING HIS AMAZING HEAT VISION, SUPERMAN CARVES THE FACE OF A NEARBY CLIFF...
LOIS, DARLING, LET THAT GIANT SYMBOL BE A MONUMENT TO OUR LOVE!
OH, SUPERMAN! I'M THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD! ;CHOKE:!
LOVES L.L.

BUT PRESENTLY...
OH-OH! MY TELESCOPIC VISION HAS SPOTTED AN EMERGENCY! I MUST LEAVE AT ONCE, BUT I'LL BE BACK!
I'LL BE WAITING, SUPERMAN!
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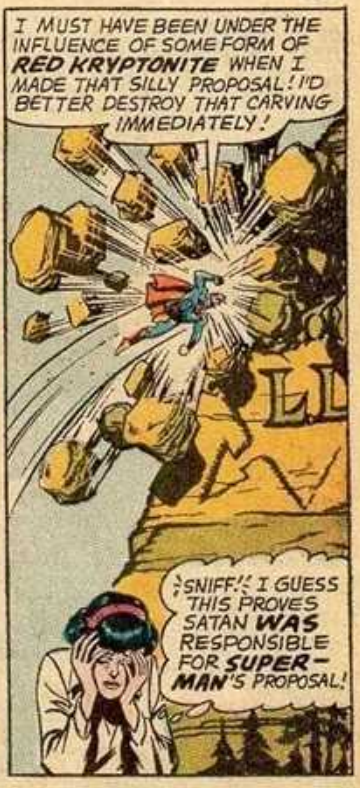
AS SUPERMAN LEAVES, A MACABRE FIGURE LEAPS OUT OF A FIERY FISSURE..
YOU AGAIN! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE CREDIT FOR SUPERMAN'S PROPOSAL! IT COULD HAVE BEEN A COINCIDENCE, YOU KNOW!
COINCIDENCE? NOT AT ALL! IT WAS INSTANT ROMANCE... A SPECIAL SERVICE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE! IF YOU WANT FURTHER PROOF, WAIT UNTIL SUPERMAN RETURNS!

PRESENTLY, AS THE MIGHTY MAN OF STEEL FLIES BACK FROM HIS MISSION...
LOIS, HOW DID THAT RIDICULOUS VALENTINE GET CARVED IN THAT MOUNTAINSIDE?
BUT, SUPERMAN! YOU DID IT WITH YOUR HEAT VISION... AFTER YOU ASKED ME TO MARRY YOU!


I MUST HAVE BEEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SOME FORM OF RED KRYPTONITE WHEN I MADE THAT SILLY PROPOSAL! I'D BETTER DESTROY THAT CARVING IMMEDIATELY!
SNIFF! I GUESS THIS PROVES SATAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPER-MAN'S PROPOSAL!

SOON, AS SUPERMAN TAKES OFF AGAIN, THE DEVIL REAPPEARS...
ALL RIGHT, SO YOU BRAINWASHED SUPERMAN INTO WITHDRAWING HIS PROPOSAL! BUT SINCE HE REFUSED TO MARRY ME, OUR CONTRACT IS BROKEN!
TUT, TUT! YOUR SIGNATURE IS BINDING, MY DEAR, AND I INTEND TO COLLECT!

ONCE AGAIN THE DEMON VANISHES..
SUPERMAN WILL PROPOSE AGAIN, NEVER FEAR! I ADVISE YOU TO ACCEPT! YOU MAY AS WELL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR BARGAIN!
GULP! OH, WHY DID I EVER SIGN THAT PACT? OH, WELL, MAYBE I'LL BE LUCKY THIS TIME! SUPERMAN MAY NEVER PROPOSE AGAIN!

BUT LOIS' HOPES ARE IN VAIN, FOR AS SHE JETS BACK TO METROPOLIS...
LOOK! SUPERMAN IS BREAKING UP THE STORM BY MEANS OF HIS SUPER-BREATH! WE'LL BE ABLE TO LAND SAFELY!
I WONDER IF HE KNOWS I'M ABOARD!

LOIS' ANSWER COMES SHORT MOMENTS LATER...
NOW HE'S PUFFING THOSE CLOUDS INTO A HEART-SHAPED PATTERN! BUT WHY?
I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER! SOMETHING GOT SUPER-MAN TO CHANGE HIS MIND! HE'S GOING TO PROPOSE AGAIN, I KNOW IT!

AT THE AIRPORT, LOIS' PREDICTION COMES TRUE...
LOIS, I MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE WHEN I WITHDREW MY PROPOSAL! YOU MUST MARRY ME! NAME THE DAY!
SUPERMAN, DEAREST! I ACCEPT, OF COURSE!
POOR DARLING! HE CAN'T HELP CHANGING HIS MIND! HE'S AT THE MERCY OF SATAN'S DIABOLICAL POWERS!

I MAY AS WELL GO THROUGH WITH THE MARRIAGE! SINCE I'M DOOMED TO WIND UP IN SATAN'S LITTLE BOX, I MAY AS WELL ENJOY A COUPLE OF YEARS AS SUPERMAN'S WIFE!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, LANA LANG HELPS LOIS SHOP FOR A TROUSSEAU...
I'D ALWAYS HOPED THAT SUPER-MAN WOULD MARRY ME! YOU MUST HAVE USED BLACK MAGIC TO WIN HIM, LOIS!
¡GULP!¡ SHE'LL NEVER DREAM HOW CLOSE SHE IS TO THE TRUTH!

TIME AND AGAIN, LOIS IS REMINDED OF HER FEARFUL BARGAIN...
LOIS, I THINK THAT MUSIC BOX WILL LOOK LOVELY ON YOUR DRESSER!
¡GROAN!¡ IT REMINDS ME OF THE LITTLE BOX SATAN HAS READY FOR ME!

AS HER WEDDING DAY ARRIVES, LOIS IS CONGRATULATED BY HER OLD BEAU, LANCE JASON...
THAT DEVIL'S ROLE BROUGHT ME LUCK, LOIS... A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT TOUR, A MOVIE CONTRACT AND A SWEETHEART! I HOPE YOU'LL BE AS HAPPY AS WE ARE!
THANK YOU, LANCE!
HOW IRONIC! THE DEVIL BROUGHT ME NOTHING BUT HEARTBREAK AND MISFORTUNE!

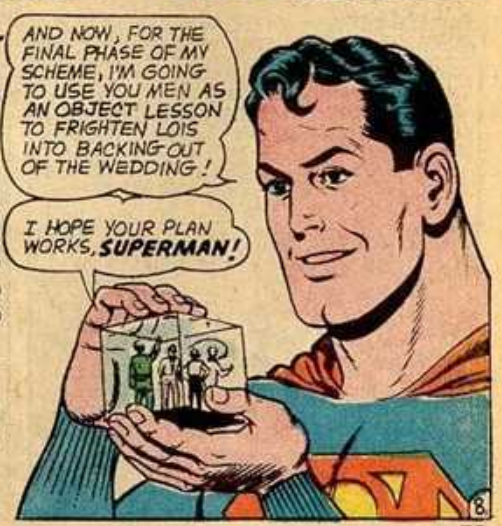
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE THE DOOR...
GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST! WHERE'S SUPERMAN? OLSEN, YOU'RE HIS BEST MAN! WHY ISN'T HE HERE?
I'M SORRY, MR. WHITE, BUT HE MUST BE ON A MISSION! I'M SURE HE'LL BE HERE IN TIME FOR THE CEREMONY!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, NOT FAR AWAY, A WEIRD SCENE IS TAKING PLACE...
MEN OF THE KANDORIAN SUPERMAN EMERGENCY SQUAD! THANKS FOR PRETENDING TO BE "SCARFACE" MALONE AND HIS GANG!
OUR TINY SIZE MADE IT EASY FOR US TO DISGUISE OURSELVES AS PRISONERS IN THIS BOX! BUT WHY ARE YOU PLAYING THIS TRICK ON LOIS, SUPERMAN?

"IT'S EASY TO EXPLAIN! WHILE PUTTING OUT A FIRE AT THE OPERA HOUSE, I OVERHEARD LOIS SAY SOMETHING FOOLISH..."
I'D SELL MY SOUL TO THE DEVIL, LIKE FAUST, FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
WHAT A RASH THING TO SAY! LOIS NEEDS A LESSON TO TEACH HER NEVER TO MAKE RECKLESS STATEMENTS WHICH COULD GET HER INTO TROUBLE!

"DISGUISED AS A 'DEVIL', I USED MY SUPER-POWERS TO TRICK HER INTO SIGNING A FAKE CONTRACT WITH 'SATAN'..."
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE DEVIL! I'LL USE MY BLACK MAGIC TO IGNITE THOSE LOGS!
ACTUALLY, IT'S MY HEAT VISION WHICH IS SETTING THOSE LOGS AFIRE!

"LATER, IN A HEAT-PROOF COSTUME, I CONVINCED LOIS THAT 'SATAN' WAS OUT TO ADD HER SOUL TO HIS COLLECTION."
MISS LANE! HOW NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN! I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN OUR AGREEMENT! SUPERMAN WILL BE HERE ANY MOMENT TO PROPOSE!
IN JUST A MINUTE I'LL MAKE A LIGHTNING SWITCH TO MY SUPERMAN IDENTITY AND ASK HER TO MARRY ME!


AND NOW, FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF MY SCHEME, I'M GOING TO USE YOU MEN AS AN OBJECT LESSON TO FRIGHTEN LOIS INTO BACKING OUT OF THE WEDDING!
I HOPE YOUR PLAN WORKS, SUPERMAN!

LATER, A GRIM FIGURE APPEARS IN LOIS' DRESSING ROOM...
SATAN!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
JUST TAKING CARE OF A LITTLE DETAIL! YOU FORGOT TO GET A WEDDING LICENSE!
I ALREADY OBTAINED SUPERMAN'S SIGNATURE!
Bride
Groom Superman

ALL RIGHT, YOU CREEP! YOU CAN GO NOW! REMEMBER, I DIDN'T INVITE YOU TO MY WEDDING!
I'M SORRY, MY DEAR, BUT I CAN'T LEAVE! YOU SEE, I INTEND TO... ER... COLLECT YOUR SOUL FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE CEREMONY!

YOU FIEND! THAT'S NOT FAIR! THIS WILL BREAK SUPERMAN'S HEART! YOU PROMISED I'D BE HIS WIFE!
BUT I DIDN'T SAY FOR HOW LONG! HOWEVER, TO SPARE SUPERMAN THE PAIN OF PARTING, YOU COULD CALL OFF THE MARRIAGE... AND COME WITH ME NOW! CHUCKLE!

NO! I'M GOING THROUGH WITH THE MARRIAGE! EVEN IF I'M TO BE SUPERMAN'S WIFE FOR ONLY FIVE MINUTES, IT WILL BE WORTH THE COST!
SUIT YOURSELF, MY DEAR! I'LL CALL FOR YOU AFTER THE CEREMONY!
GREAT KRYPTON! I NEVER EXPECTED THIS! WHAT DO I DO NOW?
PUFF!

SECONDS LATER, IN A NEARBY ALLEY, "SATAN" ASSUMES HIS REAL IDENTITY...
FRANKLY, I NEVER THOUGHT LOIS WOULD GO THROUGH WITH IT! I CAN'T CALL OFF THE WEDDING! I'D BETTER GET READY FOR THE CEREMONY!
YOU PLANNED TO TRICK LOIS, BUT THE LAUGH IS ON YOU, SUPERMAN! GOOD-BYE! WE'LL WATCH THE WEDDING ON THE MONITOR SCREEN IN KANDOR!

PRESENTLY, AS THE BRIDEGROOM APPEARS AT THE SCENE OF THE WEDDING...
SUPERMAN! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! EVERYTHING'S READY! THE CEREMONY CAN BEGIN RIGHT NOW!
GULP! TALK ABOUT TIGHT SPOTS! I'LL HAVE TO MARRY LOIS, OR REVEAL I'VE BEEN PLAYING THE ROLE OF "SATAN" ALL ALONG!
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BUT AS THE WEDDING SERVICES BEGIN...
IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO KNOWS WHY THIS COUPLE SHOULD NOT BE JOINED IN MATRIMONY, LET HIM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD HIS PEACE!
I'LL SPEAK UP NOW! AND I'LL SAY PLENTY! THIS MARRIAGE IS A HOAX!
I WAS TRICKED INTO THIS WEDDING! DISGUISED AS THE DEVIL, SUPERMAN FOOLED ME INTO SIGNING OVER MY SOUL FOR A CHANCE TO MARRY HIM! ADMIT IT'S THE TRUTH... MR. SATAN!
CHOKE!! SHE'S RIGHT, FOLKS! I KNOW YOU ALL THINK I'M A HEEL, BUT LET ME EXPLAIN!
AFTER SUPERMAN TELLS HIS STORY...
SO YOU SEE, I WAS ONLY TRYING TO TEACH YOU A LESSON! BUT HOW DID YOU DISCOVER SUPERMAN AND SATAN WERE THE SAME PERSON?
HMPH! YOU'RE NOT AS CLEVER AS YOU THINK...
THERE WAS SOMETHING FAMILIAR WITH YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE WEDDING LICENSE, AND WHEN I COMPARED IT MENTALLY TO SATAN'S NAME ON THE CONTRACT, I REALIZED THE WRITING WAS THE SAME!
Bride Lois Lane
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LOIS, I'M THOROUGHLY ASHAMED OF THE WAY I DUPED YOU! I'M READY TO MARRY YOU!
MARRY A CAD WHO WOULD PLAY A SHABBY TRICK LIKE THAT? NOT ON YOUR LIFE...
LATER, IN LOIS' APARTMENT...
THE LOVABLE IDIOT
MEANT IT FOR MY OWN GOOD! CHOKE! I COULD HAVE BEEN HIS WIFE NOW IF I'D KEPT MY SILENCE, BUT I DIDN'T WANT HIM THAT WAY! WHO KNOWS... SOME DAY I MAY REALLY EARN THE RIGHT TO BE CALLED MRS. SUPERMAN!
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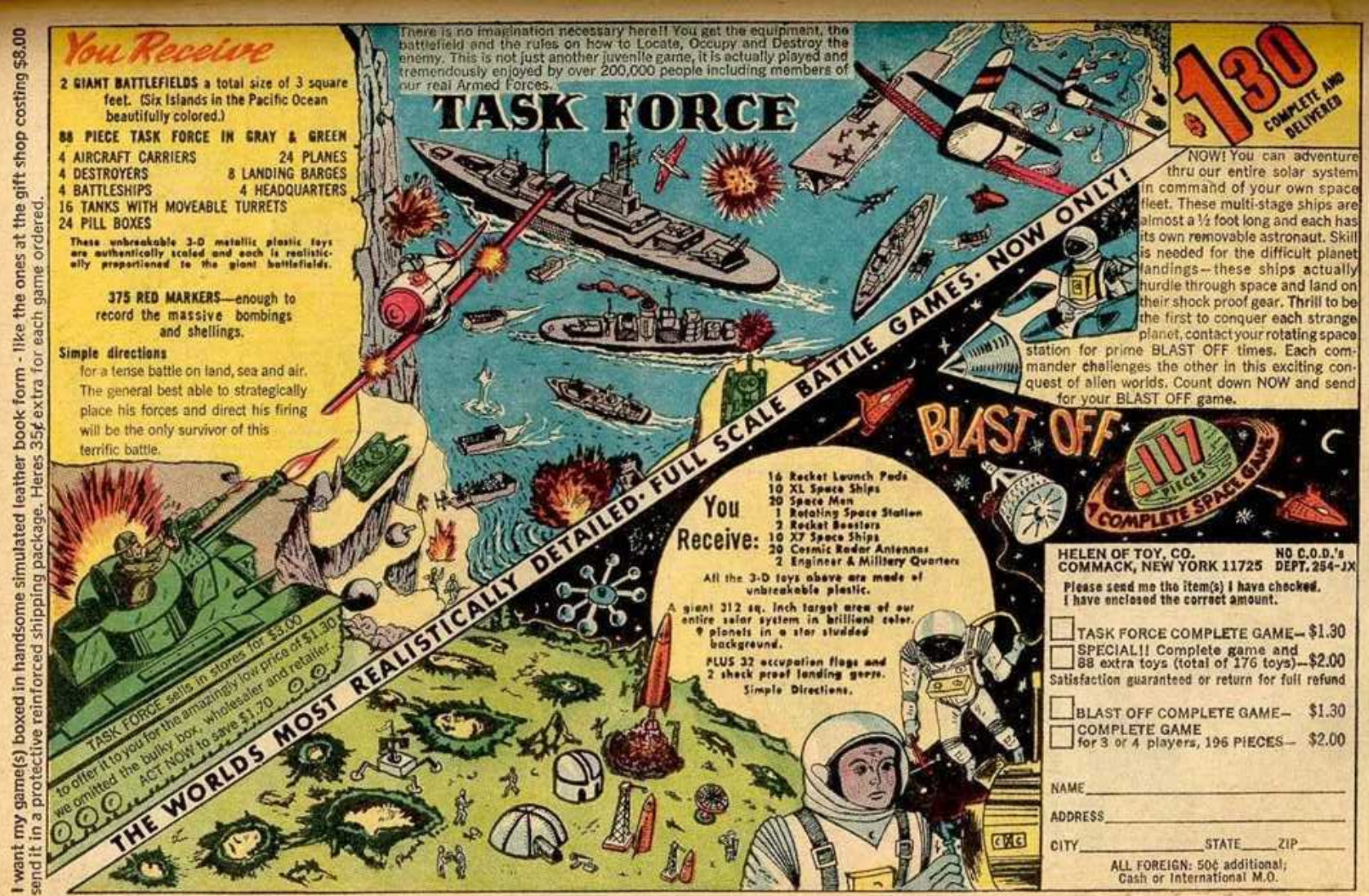
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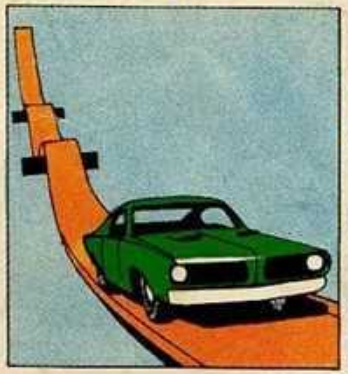

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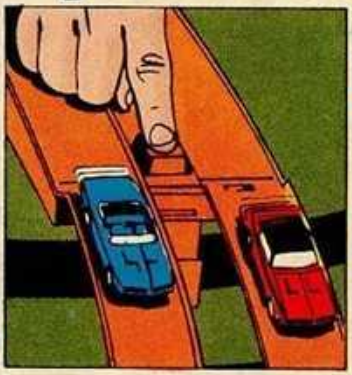

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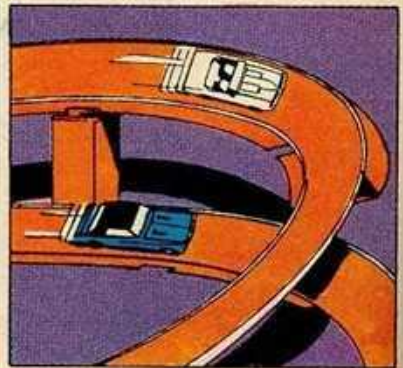

Hot Curves Race Action Set. Comes with 2 Hot Wheels cars, 4 banked curves, 6 trestles, starting and finishing gates, 32 ft. of track, collector button.

Collect Hot Wheels separately, too. 16 custom styled cars to choose from!